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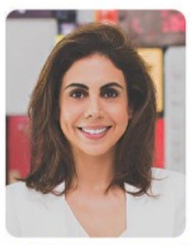

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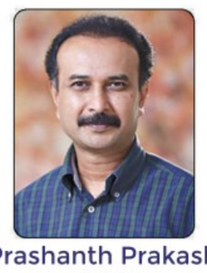

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Centre mulls removal of TRAI-related provisions from Bill

Yuthika Bhargava
NEW DELHI

Following concerns over possible dilution of powers of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) in the proposed telecom policy, the government is mulling removal of provisions related to the regulator from the Bill. It is evaluating introducing a separate Bill to strengthen the regulatory body at a later stage, according to an informed source.

"The Department of Telecom (DoT) has had discussions with the TRAI and all the concerns were addressed. Everyone agreed that the intent was good... There are no differences between the DoT and the TRAI. All issues have been resolved," the source said.

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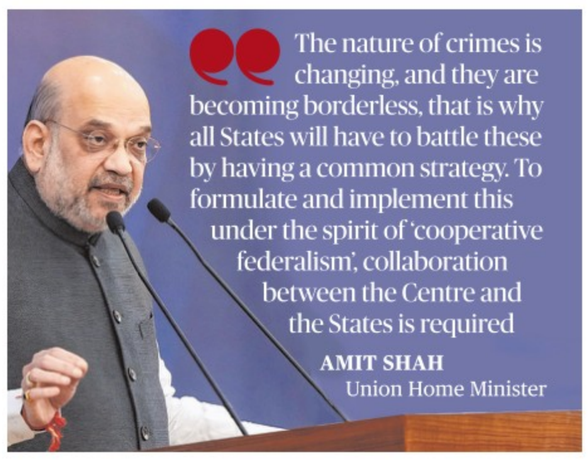
States should have a uniform policy on law and order: Shah

Home Minister calls for centralisation of data on terror and other crimes; each State to have a National Investigation Agency office by 2024 with powers to confiscate property in terror cases

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Thursday that States should have a uniform law and order policy as certain crimes such as cross-border terrorism and cybercrimes transcend regional and international boundaries.

Mr. Shah said that by 2024, to counter terror activities, each State would have a National Investigation Agency (NIA) office as the agency had been given "extra territorial jurisdiction" and additional powers to confiscate property in terror-related cases. He called for centralisation of data on terror and other crimes and said that following the principle of "one data, one entry," the NIA had been entrusted with the task of maintaining a national terror database, the Enforcement Directorate a dataset on financial crimes and the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on narco crimes.



The Minister urged the States to utilise the National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) that was operational now. The NATGRID brings datasets of 11 agencies on a common platform.

Mr. Shah said, "The nature of crimes is changing, and they are becoming borderless, that is why all States will have to battle these by having a common strategy. To formulate and implement this under the spirit of 'cooperative federalism', cooperation, coordination and collaboration between the Centre and the States is required."

Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla said though law and order was a State subject, the Constitution provided that the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) could intervene in matters concerning national security and the Ministry from time to time sent advisories to States.

Mr. Shah was addressing State Home Ministers, Home Secretaries and Directors-General of Police and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) at the two-day *Chintan Shivir* (brainstorming session) on various internal security issues in Haryana's Faridabad on the outskirts of Delhi.

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'Mission to end when Gilgit-Baltistan, PoK reunite with India'

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Thursday that the mission of full integration of Jammu & Kashmir that started on August 5, 2019 "will be complete when Gilgit-Baltistan and areas of the Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK)" will reunite with India.

"We feel the pain of residents of PoK, facing atrocities and violation of their rights at the hands of Pakistan. On this side, Kashmir and Ladakh are set on a new path of development and prosperity (post August 5, 2019). This is just the beginning. The mission will complete only when Gilgit-Baltistan and areas of PoK reunite with India. Also, when justice is delivered to the refugees of 1947 and they get their land and homes back. The day is not far away," Mr. Singh said while referring to the resolution passed by Parliament on retrieving PoK in 1994.

Rajnath Singh in Srinagar on Thursday. NISSAR AHMAD

Mr. Singh was speaking during the 'Shaurya Diwas' in Budgam district to commemorate the Indian Army's successes after the landing of soldiers in J&K on October 27, 1947, a day after India signed the Instrument of Accession with then J&K ruler Maharaja Hari Singh.

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Air pollution level shoots up

BENGALURU
The pollution levels in the city continued to be high on the last day of Deepavali as many blasted the last of their stock of firecrackers.

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Chargesheet filed against seer

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The Chitradurga police filed a chargesheet against Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru and two others in connection with the alleged case of sexual harassment of two minor girls.

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	Half Year Ended 30th Sep 2022 (₹ in Crores)	Growth (yoy) %
OPERATING PROFIT	763.63	10.84% ↑
NET PROFIT	496.51	26.63% ↑
NET INTEREST INCOME	1032.57	18.04% ↑
NIM	4.47%	10.64% ↑
GROSS NPA	1.70%	(48.64%) ↓
NET NPA	0.86%	(52.75%) ↓
PCR	88.58%	10.04% ↑
ROA	1.93%	18.40% ↑
ROE	16.84%	1.88% ↑
CRAR	24.58%	30.26% ↑
CASA	13192.64	15.33% ↑
GROSS ADVANCES	34876.53	10.38% ↑

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended 30.09.2022 (unaudited)	Quarter Ended 30.09.2021 (unaudited)	Half year Ended 30.09.2022 (unaudited)	Half year Ended 30.09.2021 (unaudited)	Year Ended 31.03.2022 (Audited)
1.	Total Income from Operations	1141.49	1101.20	2283.26	2232.10	4646.12
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	355.35	282.14	674.53	556.34	1124.61
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax, (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	355.35	282.14	674.53	556.34	1124.61
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax, (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	262.30	190.74	496.51	392.08	821.91
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive Income (after tax)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
6.	Equity Share Capital	158.35	142.51	158.35	142.51	142.51
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous Year					5193.19
8.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)					
	1. Basic:	17.99	13.38	34.44	27.51	57.67
	2. Diluted:	17.99	13.38	34.44	27.51	57.67

₹ in Crores

Note:
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Half Yearly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / Half Yearly Financial Results are available on the website of the Stock Exchange(s) (www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com) and on the Bank's Website (www.tmb.in)
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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Male and female cricketers to be paid the same amount

15 In lakh, the match fee that Indian women cricketers will earn from now on for playing a Test match, same as their male counterparts. They will earn ₹6 lakh per ODI and ₹3 lakh per T20I, the same as male cricketers. In a landmark decision, the BCCI announced equal match fees for its female and male players in a bid to tackle gender discrimination. PTI

Stubble burning incidents increase in Punjab from last year

9 In %, the rise in stubble burning incidents in Punjab between September 15 and October 26 this year in comparison to the corresponding period in 2021. The total number of farm fires in Haryana has, however, reduced by 26% as compared to the same period last year. The data was released by the Commission for Air Quality Management on Thursday. PTI

The U.S. pledges additional assistance for flood-hit Pakistan

30 In $ million, the additional amount pledged by the U.S. on Thursday to help Pakistan recover from devastating floods that affected 33 million people and killed 1,700 or more since mid-June. This new funding brings the total assistance of the U.S. to Pakistan for flood response, food security, and disaster preparedness and capacity building efforts to $97 million this year. PTI

Meta fined for campaign finance disclosure violations

24.7 In $ million, the fine imposed on Meta by a Washington state judge for repeatedly and intentionally violating campaign finance disclosure law. It is believed to be the largest campaign finance penalty in U.S. history. The penalty issued was the maximum allowed for more than 800 violations of Washington's Fair Campaign Practices Act. AP

IMF agrees to loans for Egypt reeling under the pandemic and war

3 In $ billion, the amount the International Monetary Fund (IMF) agreed to pay as a loan to the Egyptian government, paving the way for the economically troubled Arab country. The Egyptian economy has been hit by the coronavirus pandemic and the Ukraine war, events that have disrupted global markets and hiked oil and food prices worldwide. AP

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The Thoothukudi firing inquiry report

Why was the Justice Aruna Jagadeesan Commission of Inquiry formed? What happened at the Sterlite Copper plant in 2018? Who all have been held responsible by the report? Will the present government take the necessary measures to bring the perpetrators to justice?

EXPLAINER

Pon Vasanth B. A

The story so far:

On October 18, the Tamil Nadu government tabled the final report of the Justice Aruna Jagadeesan Commission of Inquiry (CoI) in the Assembly. The CoI was formed to inquire into the police firing that resulted in the killing of 13 people in May 2018 in Thoothukudi during the protests against the Sterlite Copper plant. Faulting the then Tamil Nadu government for the mishandling of the protest, the CoI recommended criminal and departmental action against those responsible.

Blood trail: Police attacking Sterlite protesters when they were marching towards the Thoothukudi District Collectorate on May 22, 2018. RAJESH. N

What happened in 2018?

The Sterlite Copper plant, a unit of Vedanta Limited, was India's largest copper smelter until its closure in 2018. It started its operation in 1997 inside the State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu complex in Thoothukudi, 25 kilometres away from the ecologically sensitive Gulf of Mannar. Over the years, the plant faced numerous protests from those residing in nearby villages, environmentalists, and a few political parties due to concerns regarding pollution, including the degrading air and water quality as well as the negative impact on fishing. The protests intensified in early 2018 and continued daily in various forms like sit-ins, hunger strikes, public meetings etc. On May 22, 2018, thousands of protesters marched towards the district collector's office demanding the immediate closure of the plant. Claiming that the situation went out of control and that the protesters resorted to violence, the police opened fire resulting in the killing of 12 persons, including two women. Another man was killed the next day.

What were the key findings of CoI?

The then All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) government in Tamil Nadu formed the Justice Aruna Jagadeesan CoI the next day of the incident with a mandate to inquire into the "causes and circumstances leading to the opening of fire resulting in death and injuries to persons on 22.05.2018 and subsequent events at Thoothukudi..". Four years after its constitution, it has finally submitted the report to present Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on May 18, 2022.

Contrary to the assertions by the then Tamil Nadu government, particularly of the police that the firing was done inevitably to control the violence started by the protesters, the CoI squarely placed the blame on the police and revenue officials by terming the firing as disproportionate and largely unprovoked. The final report was sharply critical of the then Thoothukudi collector N. Venkatesh for failing to properly engage with the protesters.

On the day of the incident, the CoI observed that the police showed a lack of efficiency and planning in adopting crowd control measures to dissuade the protesters from reaching the Collectorate. The CoI said that "the shooting was unprovoked in as much as the harm that was sought to be averted was not more than the harm that would have been inflicted by not resorting to shooting." Apart from the 13 deaths, at least 33 more people sustained gunshot injuries. Going into detail of each death, the CoI observed that, in almost all the deaths due to firing, the gunshot injuries were on the faces of the victims, indicating that the police did not resort to the practice of aiming below the waist. Similarly, the firing was largely on protesters who did not pose any direct threat to the police or were retreating from the scene.

The then Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami came in for sharp criticism for commenting that he got to know about the incident through television reports. The CoI, however, observed that the CM was receiving minute-to-minute updates from then Chief Secretary Girija Vaidyanathan, Director General of Police T.K. Rajendran and Intelligence Chief K. N. Sathiyamurthy.

What has the CoI recommended?

The CoI named as many as 17 police officers and held them "jointly and severally accountable."

It recommended departmental action against Mr. Venkatesh, for"his style of functioning reminiscent of abdication of his responsibility." It has also recommended an increase in the financial compensation to the family of the deceased to ₹50 lakh and ₹10 lakh to the injured.

How has the present Tamil Nadu government responded?

Terming the incident, a "big black mark" on the State's history, Mr. Stalin, while speaking in the Assembly on the report, said that the compensation to the families of the deceased will be increased by another ₹5 lakh from the ₹20 lakh already disbursed.

He assured that those responsible would be brought to book. He said that departmental action has been initiated against the collector and senior police officers. An officer in the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police and three constables have already been suspended.

THE GIST

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What is Turkey's latest 'disinformation' law?

What have been the various criticisms against the recently passed media law by the Erdogan government? Should journalists and online news outlets be concerned?

Saptaparno Ghosh

The story so far:

On October 14, Turkey's parliament adopted the much-critiqued 'disinformation law' that accords jail terms of up to three years to social media users and journalists for spreading 'disinformation'. President Recep Erdogan's ruling AK Party along with its nationalist ally MHP voted for the bill that has drawn concerns about potential curtailment of social media and journalistic freedom in the country.

What does the law entail?

Cumulatively known as 'the disinformation law', it comprises about 40 articles that would amend about 23 different laws. Of the 40, the most contentious is Article 29. It designates it an offence to publicly disseminate misleading information about the country's internal and external security, public order and general well-being for the purpose of causing fear or panic among the populace. The Turkish government has argued that the law would combat cases where the internet is used to share illegal content under false names and where anonymous accounts slander and defame individuals of differing political thought, religion or ethnicity. The article introduces a jail term between one and three years for any violation with the extension of an additional half of the initially stipulated term if the actions are done in anonymity. To implement this law, social media platforms could now be asked to hand over user data to Turkish courts.

What are the concerns?

Critics, including the Venice Commission which is the advisory body to the Council of Europe on constitutional matters, have pointed to the unclear interpretation of certain crucial terminologies, especially 'disinformation'. The legislation accords the responsibility of determining the same to prosecutors. Critics here argue that Turkey being a heavily polarised country and the courts having previously turned against journalists and other social-scientists does not lend a confident picture. For example, Writing for Brookings, Asli Aydintasbas, Visiting Fellow at the Center on the U.S. and Europe points to how watchdogs challenged the official government statistic for September inflation (83.45%). An independent watchdog, ENAG pegged it at 186%. Ms. Aydintasbas says that with the latest set of legislations, content of this kind might qualify as 'disinformation'. The Commission also highlighted concerns on assertions about what should constitute disturbance to 'public peace'. "Following the meeting with the authorities, what seems to be the most alarming is that a public protest may be considered in itself a disturbance of public peace," it stated in its report. This also triggers questions on 'dissemination' of the alleged 'disinformation' especially when the boundaries between physical and online spaces are blurred. Thus, the legislation lacks clarity on how the entity shall be deemed guilty, that is, for sharing or manufacturing the information (especially in an offline space). It is for the above-mentioned reasons that a jail term appears to be a stretched penal provision.

Why are journalists concerned?

The law would now recognise news websites as part of mainstream media and they would thus have to comply with the same regulations as those for newspapers. This includes taking down reports when flagged by a regulatory authority and publishing a refutation on the same hyperlink. Turkey already has an unimpressive record pertaining to press freedom. It ranks 149 out of 180 in the Press Freedom Index (2022). Additionally, as per a report of the Journalists' Union of Turkey, more than 270 journalists were put on trial last year, while 57 others were physically assaulted and 54 news websites and 1,355 articles were blocked.

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IN THE COURT OF THE VIII ADDITIONAL SMALL CAUSES JUDGE AND ACCM (SCCH-05), BENGALURU

S.C. No. 647 OF 2022

BETWEEN:- SMT. PRABHA CHANDRASHEKAR, Aged 56 years, W/o. Shri. B.K. Chandrashekar, Residing at: No. 4804/1, Lalitha Mahal, 2nd Cross, Shivananjappa Layout, Nehru Nagar, Mandya District - 571 401. **...PLAINTIFF**

AND : SHRI. YATHIRAJU .G.V ...DEFENDANT

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT

SHRI. YATHIRAJU .G.V, S/o. Shri. Vedantaiah Aged 45 years, No. 7, 'Siri', GF-2, Singapore Garden, Gubbalala Gate, Kanakapura Road, Bangalore - 560 062.

Also at: No. 815, First Floor, Ganakallu, 11th Block, Banashankari 6th Stage, Bengaluru - 560 060.

Whereas, Smt. Prabha Chandrashekar, the Plaintiff above named has instituted a suit against you for a Judgment and Decree for your eviction from the Suit Schedule 'B' Property.

Therefore, you are hereby summoned to appear before this Court **on 30.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M** in person or through an Advocate having sufficient instructions to answer the claim made against you by the Plaintiff; failing which the above suit will be heard and determined exparte.

SUIT SCHEDULE

SUIT SCHEDULE-'B'

All that piece and parcel of the residential house comprising of a hall, bedroom and kitchen, RCC roof, vitrified flooring, situated on the First Floor of the house property bearing No. 815 described herein at Schedule-'A', in all measuring a built up area of about 300 Sq.Ft. situated at Ganakallu, 11th Block, BSK 6th Stage, Bengaluru and bounded on the:

East by: Site No. 823; **West by:** Road; **North by:** Site No. 814; **South by:** Site No. 816.

By Order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, Court of Small Causes, Bangalore.

Advocates for the Plaintiff:
Sri. Pallava. R and **Smt. Lavanya. S**
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Justice G.M. Akbar Ali (Retd.),
Chairperson, Search Committee,
Second Floor, Catholic Center,
No.108, Armenian Street,
Parry's – Chennai 600 001.
E-mail ID: **gmakbarali52@gmail.com**

Application form and other details can be downloaded from **www.tn.gov.in/department/22** under the heading "Announcements".

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Chairperson,
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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KANTETI CHANDRA SEKHAR, son of Kanteti Venkata Rao, aged 50 years, residing at R/o: D 15, PHC 01, 13 Th Floor, AWHO Sandeep Vihar, Whitefield Hoskote Road, Kannamangala, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560067 declare that my mother's name has been wrongly recorded as Kanteti Joya Kumari in my service records but correct name of my mother's is Kanteti Jaya Kumari

I, KANTETI JAYA KUMARI, daughter of Neela Kanteswara Rao Vemulapalli, wife of Kanteti Venkata Rao, residing at R/o: D 15, PHC 01, 13 Th Floor, AWHO Sandeep Vihar, Whitefield Hoskote Road, Kannamangala, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560067, declare that my name has been wrongly recorded as Kanteti Joya Kumari in property and a few other official records but correct name of mine is Kanteti Jaya Kumari.

I SURESH Chand, also known as Suresh Chand Kothari, S/o Late Jabar Chand Kothari R/o Flat E2–2311, Sobha Indraprastha, Minerva Mills Compound, Gopalpura, Bangalore –23 have changed my name to Suresh Kothari for all purposes.

I, Smt. Deepika Sanodiya, W/o Bhagavath Prasad Sanodiya, R/a No.99, 1st Main Road, Krishanayanappalya, Indiranagar Post, Bangalore-560038 hereby state that my Daughter's name has been wrongly mentioned as Ishthuthi Sanodiya in some records but her correct name is Stuti Sanodiya, vide affidavit dt: 17.10.2022 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'lore

I, SHILPA Jacquiline Jothi, Currently residing in USA, formerly residing at 208, 7th C Main, 1st Block, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru –560043, Karnataka changed my name to Shilpa Persall by Marriage. Sworn before Notary Shane Nath, dated Oct 25th, 2022.

I, Suresh Kumar S alias Suresh Kumar Subaramani alias Suresh Kumar Subramani S/o Subramani K, residing at No.37, 10th Cross, Ex-Service Man Street, Kullappa Circle, Vekataswamy Lyt, Bengaluru- 560033, changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Suresh Kumar Subramani for all purposes in future

I, TOUSIF Pasha, R/o #60/48, Vivani Road, MS Jewellery, Bengaluru-560005 have changed my name to Syed Tousif, vide affidavit dt: 27.10.2022 sworn before Notary S.R.Nanjunda Swamy, B'lore.

I, SAMUEL John Hosamani, R/o #32, 12th Cross, Jagadish Nagar, New Thippasandra, Bengaluru-560075 have changed my name from Samuel John Hosamani to Samuel John vide affidavit dated 27-10-2022 before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COMMERCIAL COURT AT BENGALURU (CCH- 89)
COMMERCIAL ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 1212/2022

Between

ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Corporate & Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and branch office at Mystree Center, No. 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560 068 ...Plaintiff

And

Mr. Riyaz Ahmed ...Defendant

APPLICATION UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF C.P.C.

Summons To Defendant

To,
Mr. Riyaz Ahmed
S/o Mr. Nagarasan Akote Shukur Sab Basha, Aged about 52 years, No. 7A1, Flat No. 401, 2nd Main, Vishwa Avenue, Vivekananda Colony, Bangalore- 560 078

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted a suit against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 5,85,259/- (Rupees Five Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Nine Only)** together with interest thereon at the rate 24% p.a., with costs etc. You may take notice that you are hereby directed to appear before this court, in person, or through pleader on **21.11.2022 at 11.00 a.m.,** to answer as to why relief prayer for in the suit should not be granted. If you fail to appear on the above said date, the suit will be proceeded with and decided ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **20.10.2022.**

BY ORDER OF COURT
CITY CIVIL COURT,
BANGALURU

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates,
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(Sd/-) Managing Director

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 26th ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. No. 25485/2020

BETWEEN

ICICI Bank Limited having its Registered Office at ICICI Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara- 390 007 And its Branch Office at Mythri Centre, No. 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068 **...Plaintiff**

AND

Mr. B. Ritesh Yadav **...Defendant**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. B. Ritesh Yadav,
Aged about 37 years,
S/o. Bankuwale Gyanilal Yadav, R/a. 107, Flat 104, 2nd Block, Narayana Building, SG Palya, CV Raman Nagar, Near Bagamane Tech Park, Bangalore- 560093

Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of Rs. 816243.12/- (as on 07/01/2020) along with interest at 12.49% p.a. and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the 26th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore [CCH-20] in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on 15/12/2022 at 11:00 A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this court, this the 19th day of October, 2022.

By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
Shiva & Co. Advocates,
No. 109, Commerce House, 9/1, Cunningham Road, Bangalore- 560 052

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. NO. 26489/2020

Between

ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068 Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa **...Plaintiff**

And

Sri. Yellappa N T **...Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Sri. Yellappa N T
S/o Sri. Thopanna,
Aged about 51 years,
No.183, Nadavathi, Hosakote, Near Renuka Yellamma Temple, Bangalore Rural, Bangalore - 560 067

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.3,73,199/- (Rupees Three Lakh Seventy Three Thousand One Hundred Ninety Nine Only) together with interest @24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 26th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 20) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 07/12/2022 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 19/10/2022.

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR, CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S.A. Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

IN THE COURT OF THE 28th ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT MAYO HALL, BANGALORE (CCH-29)
O.S. No. 25058/2020

Between

ICICI Bank Limited having its Registered Office at ICICI Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara- 390 007 And its Branch Office at Mythri Centre, No. 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanalalli, Bangalore- 560 068 ...Plaintiff

And

Shivashankar R. & Anr. ...Defendants

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

To,
1. Shivashankar R.
Aged about 32 years,
S/o. Sri. H. Rajanna
Defendant No.1
2. Mrs. T. Pramila
Aged about 56 years, D/o. Sri. Thamiah **Defendant No. 2**
Sl. Nos. 1 and 2 both reside at : Kadanur Palya, Kadanur Post, Doddaballapura, Bangalore Rural- 561 203

Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of Rs.16,75,907.74/- (as on 26/11/2019) along with interest at 12.46% p.a. and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the 28th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore [CCH-29] in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on 16/11/2022 at 11:00 A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this court, this 12th day of October, 2022.

By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
Shiva & Co. Advocates,
No. 109, Commerce House, 9/1, Cunningham Road, Bangalore- 560 052

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 74th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-75)
O.S. NO. 25521/2022

Between

ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068 Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa **...Plaintiff**

And

Sri. Babu H. **...Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Sri. Babu H,
S/o. Sri. Hayathbasha,
Aged about 42 years,
No. 56, 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, 8th Main, 3rd Block, Roshan Colony, Jayanagar, CES School, Bangalore - 560 041

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.12,38,754/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Four Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 74th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 75) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 12/12/2022 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed exparte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 18/10/2022

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR, CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S.A. Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

IN THE COURT OF THE 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. NO. 25787/2021

Between

ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068 Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa **...Plaintiff**

And

Manoj Kumar S. **...Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Manoj Kumar S,
S/o. Sri. Venkataramanappa Ganghadra Somashekar,
Aged about 36 years,
No. 623, 4th Cross, 11th Main Road, Near Gandhi Park, Vijayanagara, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560 040

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.9,35,661/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty One Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 26th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 20) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 17/12/2022 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this17/10/2022.

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR, CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S.A. Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 28th ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT MAYO HALL, BANGALORE (CCH-29)
O.S No.25735/2021

BETWEEN

ICICI Bank Limited having its Registered Office at ICICI Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara- 390 007 And its Branch Office at Mythri Centre, No. 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068 **...Plaintiff**

AND

Byreddy Rajasekhar Reddy **...Defendant**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

To
Byreddy Rajasekhar Reddy,
Aged about 32 years, S/o. Seelamnagireddy Ryreddy
Reside at: #T1 Third Floor, Lakshmi Devi Nilaya, 1st Cross, Manjunatha Layout, Marathahalli Market, Bangalore- 560 037 ...Defendant

Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of Rs.9,78,141.60/- as on 08/03/2021 along with interest at 24% p.a and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the 28th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore [CCH-29] in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on 08/11/2022 at 11:00 A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this court, this the 12th day of October, 2022.

By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
Shiva & Co. Advocates,
No. 109, Commerce House, 9/1, Cunningham Road, Bangalore- 560 052

IN THE COURT OF THE 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. NO. 25590/2020

Between

ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068 Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa **...Plaintiff**

And

Vyshahan N V **...Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Vyshahan N V
S/o. Sri. C.Vijayan,
Aged about 31 years,
No. 2, 2nd Floor, Officer Model Colony, Near Jalahalli Ayyappa Community Hall, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560 057

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.2,56,243/- (Rupees Two Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Two Hundred Forty Three Only) together with interest @ 18% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 26th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-20) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 17/12/2022 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this19/10/2022.

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR, CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S.A. Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. No. 25759/2021

Between

ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068 Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa **...Plaintiff**

And

Sibaraj Singh Takhelamban **...Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Sibaraj Singh Takhelambam,
S/o. Sri. Tombi Singh Takhelambam,
Aged about 43 years,
1, MDM Paradiseha, 31rd Cross, Ganesh Temple, Kacharkanahalli, Kammanahalli, Bangalore- 560 084

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 7,18,237/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Seven Only)** together with interest @ 18% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 26th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-20) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **04/01/2023** at **11:00 A.M.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of Hon'ble court, on this 01th day of October, 2022.

By Order of the Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
S.A. Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

IN THE COURT OF THE 26th ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT MAYOHALL BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. No. 26577/2020

BETWEEN

ICICI Bank Limited having its Registered Office at ICICI Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara- 390 007 And its Branch Office at Mythri Centre, No. 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068 **...Plaintiff**

AND

M/s. Purnachandra Constructions & Anr. **...Defendants**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

To,
M/s Purnachandra Constructions,
Having its office at : 136, Madidi "D" Block, 4th Cross, Mariyappanapalya, Bangalore- 560 010
Represented by its Partner, Sri. Chandrasekhar
Defendant No.1
Purushothama.N
Aged : Major
R/a : 136, Masisi "D" Block, 4th Cross, Mariyappanapalya, Bangalore- 560 010
Defendant No.2

Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of Rs.305306.04/- (Rupees Three Lakh Five Thousand Three Hundred Six and Paise Four Only) as on 06/11/2020 together with interest at the rate 24% p.a. and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Court of the 26th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore [CCH-20] in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on 08/12/2022 at 11:00 A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this court, this 19th day of October, 2022.

By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
Shiva & Co. Advocates,
No. 109, Commerce House, 9/1, Cunningham Road, Bangalore- 560 052

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OPENING DATE FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR FILLING UP OF ONLINE APPLICATION ON PGIMER's WEBSITE www.pgimer.edu.in (Recruitment link at Home Page)	28.10.2022
CLOSING DATE FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION & SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATIONS	10.11.2022
DATE FOR COMPUTER BASED TEST (CBT) FOR 75 MARKS	25.11.2022
EXAMINATION CITY	8 CITIES IN INDIA (BENGALURU, CHANDIGARH (Tricity), CHENNAI, DELHI/ NCR, HYDERABAD, KOLKATA, LUCKNOW & MUMBAI)

Admit cards of eligible candidates will only be uploaded on the website.

APPLICATION FEE

- Persons with Bench-mark Disabilities (PwBD): Exempted from payment of fee.
- SC/ST category: Rs. 800/- plus Transaction Charges as applicable.
- For all others including General/ OBC/EWS:Rs.1500/- plus Transaction Charges as applicable.

The candidates can deposit the above application fee through online payment gateway available at the ONLINE APPLICATION portal w.e.f. 28.10.2022 to 10.11.2022 using Debit/ Credit Card/ Net Banking.

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DIRECTOR

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मिसिल संख्या/ F.No.NIS/1-47/Recruitment/2022 तारीख / Date : 26.10.2022

EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION NO: 07/2022

Applications in the prescribed format are invited for filling up the following posts in the National Institute of Siddha, on **Direct Recruitment basis:**

GROUP 'A' POSTS:

1) Professor:

S. No.	Name of the Department	No. of Posts	Mode of Recruitment	Category
1	**Maruthuvam**	01	Direct Recruitment	SC
2	**Nanju Maruthuvam**	01	Direct Recruitment	UR

a. Scale of Pay : Pay Matrix : Level 13 + NPA [Pre-revised Scale of Pay : PB - IV (Rs. 37400 - 67000) with GP Rs. 8700/- + NPA].

2) Hospital Superintendent : 01 Post (UR) - Direct Recruitment

a. Scale of Pay : Pay Matrix : Level 12 + NPA [Pre-revised Scale of Pay : PB - III (Rs.15600 - 39100) with GP Rs. 7600/- + NPA].

3) Assistant Professor

Name of the Department	No. of Post	Mode of Recruitment	Category
Sirappu Maruthuvam	01	Direct Recruitment	EWS

a. Scale of Pay : Pay Matrix : Level 10 + NPA [Pre-revised Scale of Pay : PB - III (Rs. 15600 - 39100) with GP Rs. 5400/- + NPA].

GROUP 'C' POSTS:

1) Stenographer Grade 'D': 01 Post (UR) - Direct Recruitment

a. Scale of Pay : Pay Matrix : Level 4 [Pre-revised Scale of Pay : PB-I (Rs. 5200 - 20200) with GP Rs. 2400/-].

2) Lower Division Clerk: 01 Post (UR) – Direct Recruitment

a. Scale of Pay : Pay Matrix : Level 2 [Pre-revised Scale of Pay: PB-I (Rs. 5200 - 20200) with GP Rs. 1900/-].

The cost of application is Rs.750/- (for Group 'A' post) and Rs.500/- (for Group 'C' Post). Application form can be downloaded from the Institute website: **https://nischennai.org**. The application form should be **neatly typed / Handwritten in single side** in A4 size paper providing all the details. The filled up application along with application fee for Rs.750/- or Rs.500/- (as applicable) by way of a DD drawn in favour of "Director, National Institute of Siddha" payable at Chennai together with self attested photocopies of certificates / testimonials should be sent to "The Director, National Institute of Siddha, Tambaram Sanatorium, Chennai-600 047" within 45 days from the date of notification in the Employment News.

Other details regarding educational qualification, experience, age, general conditions, etc., are available in the Institute website: **https://nischennai.org.**

DIRECTOR

INBRIEF

Intermittent power supply tomorrow

There will be intermittent power supply from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday in the areas serviced from 66/11-kV BTM MUSS, Soudella MUSS, and DLF Station in view of carrying out quarterly maintenance work.

According to a press release from Bescom, HSR Layout Division, the areas to be affected are: 66/11-kV BTM MUSS: Cavery Nagar, Hulimavu, Akshayanagara, Hongasandra, BTS Layout, Virat Nagar, Kalena Agrahara, Arekere, Nyanappanahalli, Kodichikkanahalli, Vijaya Bank Layout, Vishwapriya Layout, and surrounding areas. 66/11-kV Soudela MUSS: Vishwapriya Layout, Begur Koppa Road, Devarachikkanahalli, Akshayanagara, Tejaswini Nagar, and surrounding areas. 66/11-kV DLF (Annabel) MUSS: Beguru and surrounding areas.

Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (October 28, Friday), the following explainer is available:

- The Thoothukudi firing inquiry report
bit.ly/firingsterliteprotests

You can use your smartphone's inbuilt features to access this article. If it's an Android phone, use Google Lens to read and tap the url to access the article. If it's an iPhone, use Live Text on camera to do the same.

Air pollution level shoots up in city

The morning after Deepavali, though PM levels had come down, they were still over 100 micrograms per cubic metre at a few places

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The pollution levels in the city continued to be high on the last day of Deepavali as many blasted the last of their stock of firecrackers. By Wednesday evening, particulate matter (PM) 2.5 and 10 had significantly increased in most stations of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). The pollutants were found in larger amounts in the southern parts of the city.

At 8 p.m. on Wednesday, the average PM 2.5 at Hebbal was 184 micrograms per cubic metre while it was 108 micrograms at Hombegowdanagar. At Jayanagar 5th Block, from 167 micrograms the previous night, it had shot up to 218, rendering the air quality to be poor. At Silk Board, on the other hand, PM 2.5 was at 239 micrograms while PM 10 was at 252 micrograms. Here too, the numbers had increased from Tuesday night. The numbers had also escalated at other stations, including Peenya and Hebbal.

Children bursting crackers during Deepavali in Bengaluru.
K. MURALI KUMAR

Average PM 2.5 levels before and during Deepavali in Bengaluru

Station	Oct. 22	Oct. 25	Oct. 26
Hebbal	55	133	184
Jayanagar 5th Block	57	167	218
Silk Board	54	206	239
Peenya	76	101	108

Source – CPCB website — In micrograms per cubic metre at 8 p.m.

On Thursday morning, following the festivities, while the PM levels had come down in most stations, the numbers were still over 100 at a few places. At Jayanagar, the PM 2.5 was at 143 micrograms whereas at Silk Board, PM 10 was at 172 micrograms and the air quality was said to be moderate at both places. However, at Bapujinagar, air quality was still poor owing to PM 2.5 of 223 micrograms.

Heaps of trash on the roads

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After a two-year pandemic-induced gap, Deepavali was celebrated this year in a grand manner. The full-blown festivities left heaps of trash on the roads of Bengaluru on Thursday. Piled up firecracker waste, plastic covers and boxes used for wrapping firecrackers were a common sight in the city.

According to Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Solid Waste Management (SWM) officials, celebrations over the last three days in the city had generated 1,000 tonnes of waste in addition to the waste generated every day, which is around 4,500 to 5,000 tonnes.

Parashuram Shinnalkar, Joint Commissioner, SWM, BBMP, said "Apart from dry waste, the city has generated wet waste, including loose flowers and garlands. Approximately, an additional 1,000 tonnes of waste is generated, which will be cleared by the BBMP within two days. Already, at different locations and zones, we are clearing up the garbage."

Hazardous waste

Both wet waste and hazardous waste were a common sight in the city, including at residential and commercial areas. The K.R. Market area was strewn with wet and dry waste. According to another BBMP official, the city civic body had already started cleaning the waste by using extra compactors on Thursday. "For the last three days, the waste clearing work had been hit since many pourakarmikas are on leave celebrating the festival," he added.

According to the BBMP, places that saw the most festival waste included K.R. Market, Yeshwantpur market, Madiwala market, Malleswaram market, Yelahanka and Basavangudi.

Earlier, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board had asked the BBMP to implement the orders of the Supreme Court to ensure proper disposal of the waste accumulated during the festive days.

Hospitals see many cases of firecracker-related eye injuries

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Many hospitals in the city reported firecracker-related injuries during Deepavali.

State-run Minto Ophthalmic Hospital reported over 30 cases of eye injury till Thursday evening. Last year, 34 patients who had suffered severe eye injuries were treated at the hospital.

As many as 50 cases of firecracker-related eye injuries were reported in Narayana Nethralaya, according to K. Bhujang Shetty, chairman and managing director of the hospital.

Sankara Eye Hospital witnessed 19 cases. Pallavi Joshi, consultant-Cornea, Ocular Surface and Refractive Surgery, said, "Last year, we saw only around eight cases of injuries. In three days this year, we saw 19 cases, of which eight were bystanders and two of them were grievously injured." Dr. Shetty asked people to never take any injury lightly. Visit a doctor and take professional help, he said.

HC orders probe by DC to find out how BBMP approved plans to construct buildings on encroached govt. land

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court on Karnataka on Thursday directed the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Urban district, to conduct an inquiry to find out whether proper verification of documents was done by Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike officials as per the law before granting permission for construction of buildings on a piece of land, which is alleged to be part of encroached government land used to form a layout at Kogehalli in Yelahanka.

"It is a clear case of non-coordination, state of chaos, and negligence where one hand/wing of the administration, particularly the BBMP, is totally unaware that a particular land is government property. And with ignorance the BBMP has granted permission for construction of buildings..., the court observed in its order.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi issued the direction while hearing a PIL petition filed way back in 2007. It was alleged in the petition that a house-building cooperative society and the real estate developer of a residential apartment complex had encroached upon parts of government land while forming the layout and building an apartment complex. While noticing that the government, acting on the court's earlier directions, had found out certain encroachments, removed some of them, the Bench found that the BBMP had granted permission to private individuals to construct buildings on the sites, allotted by the society in its layout. "This shows that the BBMP has not even bothered to ascertain the authenticity of documents while granting building permission," the Bench observed while directing the DC to submit an inquiry report to the court within four weeks.

Phone-in programme tomorrow

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) will hold a phone-in programme on Saturday. According to a BWSSB release, its Chairman, N. Jayaram, will address the grievances of consumers relating to water billing, manhole overflowing, meter reading, improper water supply, and sanitary issues. Those interested in participating in the programme may call Ph.: 080-22945119 between 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. They are required to share their R.R. number before raising a complaint, the release stated.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DIVISION, BIDAR
Ph: 08482-231688, Email-eerdwsd.bdr1@gmail.com

Ref:EE/RDWSD/Bidar/PB-6/Tender/2022-23/1276 Date: 25.10.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer RDWS & S Division Bidar invites Tenders from eligible bidders for the works above Rs. 30.00 Lakhs to 96.63 Lakhs (3 Nos of works) as per KW-2 & KW-3 Standard Tender Bid Document under H/A HKRDB for the year 2022-23 through e-Procurement platform www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in only. The KTPP Act shall be followed.

TIME SCHEDULE

1) Notification Date and Download of tender schedule documents through eportal: 25.10.2022 to 05.11.2022, 2) Last date for submission of bids: 05.11.2022 Time : 17.00 PM, 3) Date & Time of Technical bid opening 07.11.2022 Time : 11.00 AM 4) Date & Time of Financial bid opening: After Technical bid Approval

For details of works and conditions, please contact this office in office hours or visit website http//eproc.karnataka.gov.in where the details are available.

DIPR/Bidar/293/MC&A/2022-23

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDWS&S Division Bidar

CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF IMAGING TECHNOLOGY (C-DIT)
Thiruvananthapuram-27
Ph: 0471-2380910/912

E-TENDER NOTICE

e-tender is invited for the "Supply of UV curable inkjet based high speed variable data printing and inspection machine"

For details and online submission of bid please visit **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**
Last date of submission of bids: **07.11.2022, 03.00 PM.**
Tender id. 2022_CDIT_520205_1

26.10.2022 Registrar, C-DIT

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No. 13-SNT-MYS-2022
Dated: 20-10-2022
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites Tenders for the following work:

Name of work	Approx. Value
Replacement of existing outdoor 5-line true colour LED video cum train information display board and provision of 06-line outdoor true colour LED video cum train information display board at Second entry of Mysuru Station.	Rs. 74,00,944.74

Last date for submission of bids: Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 14-11-2022
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Mysuru
PUB/444/AAD/PRB/SWR/2022-23
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE
My Client **Mr.G.JAGADISH,** R/at. No. 71, Somasundarapalya, HSR Layout Sector-II Post, Bangalore - 560 102, do hereby inform to the General Public that he has lost Original RELEASE DEED No. GAN-1-00111-2008-09, CD No. GAND102, dtd 23/04/2008, registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar, Bangalore. Inspite of best efforts he could not trace the same and in this regard and he has lodged a Police Complaint vide lost Report No. 0366761/2022, at Jurisdictional Police Station. If anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession, please hand over the same to the above said address.
Sridhara.P AND S.Anil Kumar
ADVOCATES, No.1, Behind SVR College, HSR 2nd Sector, Samasandrapalya, Bangalore-560102 M : +91- 88800 01117

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that my clients has entered in to Registered agreement of Sale of purchase of the immovable Property described in the Schedule hereunder from its owners:
1. SRI. HOMBALEGOWDA, S/o. Sri. Basave Gowda (Late), Aged about 74 years, Aadhaar No.5634 9023 0813.
1a. SMT. GEETHA, W/o. Sri. Kumar (Late), D/o. Sri. Hombalegowda, Aged about 39 years, Aadhaar No.3781 6372 7402.
1b. SHRI. SRINIVAS .M.H, S/o. Sri. Hombalegowda, Aged about 35 years, Aadhaar No.7854 9019 9479.
1c. SHRI. RAJU .M.H, S/o. Sri. Hombalegowda, Aged about 33 years, Aadhaar No.9812 2683 0198.
2. SRI. JAYARAMU S/o. Sri. Basave Gowda, Aged about 70 years, Aadhaar No.9783 5222 1168.
2a. SRI. M.J. LOKESH S/o. Sri.Jayaramu, Aged about 34 years Aadhaar No.9489 8505 1480.
2b. SRI. M.J. CHANDRA, S/o. Sri. Jayaramu, Aged about 32 years, Aadhaar No.7284 3984 7040.
All are residing at Malligematlu Village, Maralavadi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagar District.
Whereas the owners claims that they are Absolute owners thereof
It is hereby informed to the general public that any person/s, agent/s, Bank/s Financial Institution/s, etc, having any manner of claims, charge, mortgage, right, title and Interest, sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, gift, trust, maintenance, inheritance, possession, lease, license, easement or otherwise of whatsoever nature, howsoever etc., in respect of the schedule property are hereby informed to make the same known to the undersigned in writing supported by documents as proof and evidence, within a period of 14 days from the date of Publication of this notice, failing which the claim/s or objections if any such claims shall be considered will be deemed to have been waived and/discharged forever my clients will be advised to go ahead and complete the sale formalities.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the immovable agricultural Property Land bearing Sy.No.166 (Old), Now Re-Sy.No.166/3, situated at Malligemeatlu Village, Maralavadi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagar District, measuring 1 acre 03 guntas and bounded on the:
East by : Land belongs to Smt.Gangamma D/o. Sri. Puttegowda, West by : Land belongs to Smt.Venkatalakshamma, North by : Land belongs to Patel Gopal, South by : Road.
Sd/- **G. VIJAYAKUMAR,** Advocate
No.64, 4th Cross, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, BANGALORE - 560 038.
Mobile : 98440 67439 / Phone : 25200773

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPORTS & YOUTH WELFARE, ASSAM RUDRA SINGHA SPORTS COMPLEX, SUPER MARKET, DISPUR, GUWAHATI-781006

No:DSY/S/Manpower/KISCE/25/2022/12 Dated: 26th October, 2022

PRESS NOTICE

The Call Letters for appearing in the Walk-in-Interview as regards recruitment to various contractual posts under Khelo India State Centre of Excellence (KISCE), Assam, have been sent to the respective email Ids of the shortlisted applicants, which were provided by them at the time of applying for the posts.

Therefore, the candidates may go through their email Ids for further information in this regard.

Sd/-
Director
Sports & Youth Welfare, Assam
& Chairman, Selection Committee
Janasanyog /D/14821/22

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No. B/SG/P/SBC/03/VRDP/2022 Date : 17-10-2022
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites Tenders for the following work:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Provision of additional loop line (Road-05) with 750m CSL at Varadapura Station of Bengaluru Division.	Rs. 3,51,74,010.71

Last date for submission of bids: Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 09-11-2022
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Deputy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Project, Bengaluru
PUB/443/AAD/PRB/SWR/2022-23
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **SMT. M. SHARADHAMMA** W/o. Sri. M. Balaji Naick is intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Sri. Shantha Kumar** S/o.Late.Gopalappa ; any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Vacant **Site No.25,** formed out of Sy.No.46/1 and 46/2, situated at **Chagalatti Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** measuring East to West 60 feet North to South: 30 feet, in all measuring **1800 Sq ft,** and bounded on the:
East by : Road, West by : Site bearing No. 52, North by : Site bearing No. 26, South by : Site bearing No. 24
C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-43. M: 9845846428, 7204863700

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Indent No.	Range	Amount in Lakhs	Last Date
INDENT54340	K.Gudi Wildlife - 13.50 Kms	81.00	31-10-2022
INDENT54347	Punajanur Wildlife - 6.00 Kms Chamarajanagar - 4.00 Kms Kollegala Wildlife - 4.00 Kms	84.00	02-11-2022
INDENT54348	Yelandur Wildlife - 8.75 Kms	52.50	03-11-2022
INDENT54349	Kollegal Wildlife - 13.89 Kms	83.34	04-11-2022
INDENT54350	Bylore Wildlife - 11.40 Kms	68.40	05-11-2022

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IN THE LIMELIGHT

Lupita Nyong'o in a scene from *Us* written and directed by Jordan Peele. AP

The supernatural and the female body: how the portrayal of women has changed

The depiction of the female physique and psyche in horror films has come a long way from slasher films as more and more women get involved in the production and promotion of this genre of cinema

Tamma Moksha

Across the globe, the treatment of women in cinema has been cosmetic for the most part. Women are often objectified, their characters are underwritten, they are stereotyped, pushed to the margins of the story, and even turned into caricatures. In many films, women play the damsel in distress, the femme fatale, or the girl next door. More often than not, these characters merely supplement the lead protagonist's journey.

Slasher films

For a long time, women in horror films were victims of male fantasies. Slasher films – a genre of crime and horror involving a killer terrorising, stalking, sexualising and murdering women – are a great example of this phenomenon. Slasher films use sex and gore (often inflicted on women) to lure the audience (mainly male). Famous examples of this genre include *Halloween* (1978) and *Texas Chain Saw Massacre* (1974). These films almost always juxtapose violent and erotic scenes. However, they also have a 'final girl' who survives the killer. While on the surface this might seem like a win for women, on deeper inspection, we come to understand that the 'final girl' is the most 'morally upright' character. She abstains from sex and drugs and alcohol, is androgynous in her sense of style and, for the most part, embodies conventionally masculine stereotypes.

Women's bodies appear in fragments on the screen to get a reaction out of the audience and the camera plays a big role in this portrayal

The 1996 cult classic *Scream* played a pivotal role in steering the sub-genre away from this style by breaking one simple convention: the woman has sex, is unwilling to give up and is given a chance to save herself. This made way for bolder films like *Jennifer's Body* (2009), which dismantled all the older conventions associated with the genre. Jennifer, who is preyed upon by satanists, transforms into a demon-like creature to exact revenge. In Jennifer's Body, women are not victims; they are given agency, albeit in the supernatural sphere.

Teenage horror

Body horror is a popular sub-genre of horror films. For girls, the transition from girlhood to adulthood can be filled with angst and pain. Physical body changes can cause mood swings and even evoke horror. Unlike boys, for whom puberty is about long limbs and pimples, puberty for girls is centred around more. This is amplified best in *Carrie* (1976), a coming-of-age horror film, which launched a sub-genre of films around the problems of puberty. Carrie White has a typical teenager's journey: she is embarrassed by her first period, has a controlling mother, and is humiliated at the prom after being drenched in pigs' blood. As her body develops, her powers also develop: she proceeds to use her power of telekinesis to destroy her school and the people trapped in it. Carrie shows rage that women did not show in horror films for the most part of the 20th century.

How we frame women, to a large extent determines how they perceive themselves. Women's bodies appear in fragments on the screen to get a reaction out of the audience and the camera plays a big role in this portrayal. In the 2002 French film *In My Skin*, we see the protagonist, Esther, harming her body in an attempt to establish her connection with it. After an accident, she hallucinates that parts of her body have been cut away from her and even goes as far as asking a pharmacist if she can preserve her skin. Marina de Van, the director and actor of the movie, does not consider this as a case study in self-harm, but as a woman trying to integrate herself with her body. While it is feminist in its exploration of the female psyche, we notice that at the end Esther fails to integrate her body with herself.

The conventions of the female body horror genre are being rewritten through films like *Teeth* (2007). In this, a high school girl, Dawn, has a vagina armed with teeth. Boys who take advantage of her have to bear the consequences of this.

The portrayal of race

Of late, Black women have been taking the centre stage in the horror genre, which, until now, cast only white women. Female rage complemented with psychological elements seems to be a significant element in the genre as evident in *Ma* (2019) and Jordan Peele's *Us* (2019). Almost all the horror hits in 2022 have been feminist at their core from the Daisy Edgar-Jones starrer *Fresh* to Mia Goth's *Pearl and X*.

As the portrayal of women on screen has changed in various genres so has the idea of womanhood on screen also changed with respect to the genre of horror. It also helps that more women are involved in the production and promotion of this genre.

THE DAILY QUIZ

The representation of women in parliament in New Zealand crossed the 50% mark recently. Here's a quiz on women in legislature

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

QUESTION 1
Which African country boasts the highest representation of women in parliament — 61% — a mark that is also the highest in the world?

QUESTION 2
The legislature of this country has women representation to the tune of 53%, despite no quota mandated for doing so, a mark that is highest in the world for parliaments with no quotas. Which country?

QUESTION 3
Name this freedom fighter and later a member of the Constituent Assembly of India, who went on to become the first elected woman Parliamentarian in the Lok Sabha?

QUESTION 4
This seven-time woman MP spearheaded the demand for 33% reservation for women in Indian Parliament as chairperson of the Joint Select Committee on the Women's Reservation Bill. Name her and the party to which she belonged.

QUESTION 5
This member of Parliament representing Keonjhar, Odisha, is currently the youngest serving MP in India. Name her.

Visual question:
Identify this nominated MP (in the Rajya Sabha) who is also a renowned classical dancer. CC BY-NC 2.0: RAMESH LALWANI; FLICKR

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. Name this commander-in-chief of the Mughal army who was a powerful minister in the courts of Humayun and Akbar. **Ans: Bairam Khan**
2. The tax abolished by Akbar in 1579. **Ans: Jizya**
3. The syncretic religion propounded by Akbar. **Ans: Din-i Ilahi**
4. This word lends its name to a system of military administration introduced by Akbar. **Ans: Mansabdari**
5. The town that was the capital of the Mughal empire under Akbar from 1571 to 1585. **Ans: Fatehpur Sikri**
6. The author of the *Akbarnama*. **Ans: Abul Fazl**
7. The misnomer by which Akbar's fourth wife is known today. **Ans: Jodha Bai**
Visual: The battle that is fought between Akbar and Sharifuddin Hussain. **Ans: Second Battle of Panipat**
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Mrs. Phyllis Carrol of Sathyamangalam wants to know whether the following sentence is correct 'What did you have as breakfast today?'"

"Well, it should be 'What did you have for breakfast today?'

What are you going to prepare for lunch today?

What are we going to have for dinner tomorrow?"

"What is the difference between 'correction' and 'correctness', sir?"

" 'Correctness' means 'truth', 'accuracy'.

I have great doubts regarding the correctness of his statement.

I can vouchsafe for the correctness of the dates.

He questioned the correctness of the speech published in the newspaper.

'Correction' means 'the action of setting right, removing mistakes.'

He made a lot of corrections in my draft.

In a teacher's job, the most laborious is correction work.

I have made all the corrections in green ink.

'Correction' involves making right what is wrong.

"What is the meaning of 'Don't cross the bridge before you come to it' sir?"

" 'Don't cross the bridge before you come to it' is an idiom. It means that we should not worry too much about future problems. Whenever a proposal is made some people have a tendency to imagine all kinds of difficulties. This idiom means that we should deal with problems as and when they arise. We should not worry about them too much in advance. We should deal with them if and when they occur. We should not worry about them unnecessarily. This is the meaning of 'Don't cross the bridge before you come to it' You can also say 'Don't cross your bridges till you come to them!'"

"How do you pronounce 'abstract', sir?"

"The two 'a's in the word are pronounced like the 'a' in 'man', 'fat', 'bat' and 'cat'. When it is used as a noun, the stress is on the first syllable. When it is used as a verb the stress is on the second syllable 'stract'.

Please get an abstract of your thesis.

To abstract metal from ore is a difficult process."

"Sir, is it correct to say 'He is considered as a great leader?'"

"No. It should be 'He is considered a great leader'. There should be no as after 'consider'.

I consider honesty a very great virtue.

He considered my idea wonderful.

He was considered incompetent by the committee.

I don't consider it wise to talk to him now.

'As' is used with the word 'regard'.

I regard him as my friend.

He regards him as a leader.

They regard it as a crime.

He is regarded as the best teacher in the school.

He is regarded as a saint.

As goes with the word 'regard' and doesn't go with 'consider.'

I consider him a saint. I regard him as a saint.

You won't have regard for me if I continue any further. So let me stop here. Goodbye."

Word of the day

Alfresco:
in the open air

Synonyms: outdoors, outside, out of doors

Usage:
Since it is such a nice weather, we are going to have an alfresco lunch.

Pronunciation: bit.ly/alfrescopro

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City traffic police collect over ₹141 crore in fine this year

The amount has surpassed the annual fine collection of the last three years; fine was collected in over 80 lakh cases

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

By the end of September, the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) had collected over ₹141 crore in fines this year. The amount this time has surpassed the annual fine collection of the last three years, including the pre-pandemic year of 2019. From a total of 80,79,942 cases, out of which 74,26,775 were contactless, a whopping total of ₹1,41,40,21,420 has been collected in fines till the end of September.

According to the data on the BTP website, the fine collection has consistently gone up in the last few years. While more than ₹89 crore was collected in 2019, in 2020, it was ₹99 crore. Even amidst the partial lockdown in 2021, the numbers crossed the ₹100-crore mark and over ₹140 crore were collected from traffic violators.

The BTP often faces wrath from the citizens about its fine collection practices, with many alleging that the officials neglect traffic management and only focus on catching violators. However, Joint Commissioner, Traffic, B.R. Ravikanthe Gowda says that it is not the case. He told *The Hindu*, "Fining the violators is not important, but ensuring compliance is. If commuters are compliant to the rules, then we are happy. Our purpose is not fine collection at all."

In what could be an indication of the effects of absence of vehicle towing, parking-related offences have also increased this year. The number of cases registered for wrong parking, footpath parking, and parked at intersection by the end of last month had all crossed the number of cases booked in the entire year for the same offences in the previous two years. A total of 8,27,671 cases of wrong parking have been filed this year while 1,11,190 cases have been booked for footpath parking and 16,086 cases for parking at intersection.

"There is an increase in parking violations, but we have been using wheel clamps for the same," Mr. Gowda said. The policemen have also booked over 4 lakh cases under the no-entry offence, 8,350 cases against HTVs driving in prohibited roads, and 13,761 cases against those who ride on footpaths up until September 30.

Traffic police checking vehicles on Ballari Road in Bengaluru. SUDHAKARA JAIN

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> **B.R. RAVIKANTHE GOWDA,** Joint Commissioner, Traffic,

Cases booked and fine collected during 2019 - 2022

	Total number of cases		Total fine collected	
Year	Contact	Contactless	Contact	Contactless
2019	39,79,303	39,45,831	82,19,39,150	2,06,89,035
2020	20,98,952	62,84,785	94,46,13,890	3,62,57,050
2021	14,95,031	78,10,826	1,30,23,28,500	6,72,68,900
2022 (Until September 30)	6,36,418	74,26,775	1,28,35,21,370	12,80,54,600

Source – Bengaluru Traffic Police website

Dhananjaya agrees to beep a word in *Head Bush*

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Actor and producer Dhananjaya on Thursday agreed to beep a word from a dialogue in his recent release *Head Bush*.

Members of the Tigala community and representatives of the Dharmarayaswamy Temple had taken objection to a certain way of referring to Karaga by a villain in the film, though the entire sequence upheld the tradition of Karaga.

Meeting

Bha.Ma. Harish, president, Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce, chaired a meeting between those who took objection and Dhananjaya, after which the actor addressed a press conference. "I am sorry if we have hurt anyone. We have decided to beep the word in the dialogue. Some had also taken objection to another sequence involving Veeragase kunita. We have already clarified on that. But I apologise to anyone who may have been hurt by that sequence too," he said.

New variants: TAC for sewage surveillance in Mangaluru, Belagavi, Kalaburagi

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

The advisory body has also recommended vigilance at borders

In view of newer sub-variants of Omicron emerging in some States, Karnataka's COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has recommended surveillance of sewage in Mangaluru airport as planned earlier. Besides, with the results of sewage surveillance in Bengaluru correlating with the clinical scenario in the city, similar surveillance should be taken up in Belagavi and Kalaburagi, the TAC has recommended.

In the wake of some States reporting newer sub-variants of Omicron BQ.1 and BA.2.3.20, apart from XBB, which is a recombinant of BA.2.75 and BJ.1, the TAC met last week to review the situation. Sewage surveillance is known to have provided early warning on impending local surge of COVID-19 during the emergence of BA.4 and BA.5 sub-lineages of Omicron in June-July this year.

Who carries it out?

The TAC's report stated, "The Infectious Disease Research Foundation (IDRF) has been officially conducting sewage surveillance for COVID-19 in BBMP area since June 2022, and has been providing results on a weekly basis every Saturday. The 19th report was submitted on October 15. The results have correlated with the clinical scenario, and recently have shown gradual reduction in the positivity rate that is in sync with the clinical scenario in Bengaluru." Besides taking up surveillance in new places, the TAC has also recommended that Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS), particularly looking for the newer variants, should be expedited.

TAC Chairman M.K. Sudarshan said with the emergence of new sub-variants, there is a need to be vigilant in cities outside Bengaluru that have movement of people across borders. "Sewage surveillance is known to help in early identification of any impending wave of COVID-19 and notifying the emergence of new variants of SARS-CoV 2, if any, to initiate local public health actions.," he said.

Probe intensified into seer suicide case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Probe into the suicide case of Kunchagal Bande Mutt seer have been intensified with the police on the lookout for a woman who allegedly "honeytrapped" and blackmailed the seer to extort ransom. Basavalingeshwara Swami, who headed the Lingayat mutt in Magadi taluk of Ramanagaram, was found dead in the room of the mutt.

The Kudur police took up the investigation and questioned the car driver and the priest of the mutt who were close to the seer. The police have recovered their mobile phones as part of the investigation.

Names in death notes

Some of the death notes recovered by the police mentioned a few names and investigations are on to ascertain their possible roles in the seer's death.

The police have also recovered the mobile phones of the seer and sent them to the FSL to recover the data and the call record details. The police suspect that the seer had spoken to a prominent person for a long time before taking the extreme step. Efforts are on to retrieve the data to ascertain the details of minutes before his death, a police officer said.

Woman's role

Meanwhile, the special team of police is trying to track down the woman from the clip of a video conversation with the seer. The police suspect that the woman had demanded a ransom of ₹10 crore which the seer could not afford to arrange and allegedly ended his life. A video clip of the seer's video call with a mysterious woman was doing rounds.

(Those in distress or those having suicidal tendencies can call Arogya Sahayavani Ph.: 104 for help.)

Withdrawal of permission for venue for release of book on Imran Khan condemned

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Kannada and Culture Dept.'s decision was based on petition by Hindutva organisation

The Kannada and Culture Department cancelled letting out Kalagrama, Mallathahalli, for the release of a Kannada book on the former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan, reportedly following a petition by Hindu Janjagruti Samiti (HJS). The organisers of the event were informed at the last moment about this on Thursday afternoon. However, the book was released at the author's house where the decision by the Kannada and Culture was condemned as an "attack on freedom of speech and expression".

The HJS in its petition alleged that Mr. Khan as the Prime Minister had supported terror attacks on India and releasing a book in praise of him was a seditious act. The HJS, is a sister organisation of Goa-based Sanatan Sanstha, and several accused charged with murdering Gauri Lankesh and M.M. Kalburgi have been linked to it. The HJS had earlier got a stand-up comedy show by Munawar Faruqui cancelled by submitting a similar petition.

"We also got the petition from the HJS, but were prepared to provide security for the event. But we were informed that the Kannada and Culture Department had withdrawn permission to use their venue for the event owing to the controversy," said a senior police official.

'Not about him as PM'

Sudhakar S.B., author of the book 'Imran Khan - Ondu Jeevanta Dantakathe', said the book was not about Mr. Khan's political life but was about his struggle to build a free cancer care hospital in Pakistan. "We were informed at the last moment that orders had come from above to deny us permission to hold the event at Kalagrama, despite we having hired the venue as per norms. We were not told the reason why it was cancelled," he said.

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RISE 08:49	SET 20:26
SATURDAY, OCT. 29	
RISE 06:12	SET 17:54
RISE 09:53	SET 21:27
SUNDAY, OCT. 30	
RISE 06:13	SET 17:54
RISE 10:57	SET 22:30

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29°C The weather will be dry. Day will be slight warm and humid. Night will be cool.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
28°C A comfortable but humid weather to continue. Night remains cool. Spell of rain and thundershower is likely.

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Floating trash barrier developed by city firm emerges winner in clean waterbody challenge

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BENGALURU

A floating trash barrier (FTB), developed by a Bengaluru firm and deployed in eight cities across India to trap trash in waterbodies, has won the Cleaning and Restoring India's Water Bodies Challenge conducted by the Office of the Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA).

The challenge was conducted by the Waste to Wealth Mission – Swachh Bharat Unnat Bharat Mission under the Office of the PSA during November 27, 2020 and February 17, 2021.

Floating trash barrier developed by AlphaMERS Ltd. has won the challenge conducted by the Waste to Wealth Mission.

On October 18, the Bengaluru firm, AlphaMERS Ltd., received a communication from the Waste to Wealth Mission announcing that the FTB was selected as one of the winners of the challenge.

The FTB performance was evaluated by a jury panel comprising of experts from academia, industry, and the government. "Based on the panel evaluation, AlphaMERS Ltd.'s floating trash barrier was selected as one of the winners of the challenge. The panel observed that the floating trash barrier could address the serious environmental issue of floating solid waste pollution plaguing India's waterbodies," stated the communication.

The FTB uses the natural flow of water to bring the trash to the riverbank where it is deployed and from there the trash is manually or mechanically removed.

The FTB is deployed in eight cities – Bengaluru, Chennai, Puducherry, Hyderabad, Mysuru, Thanjavur, Tuticorin, and Coimbatore.

The FTB is said to be successful in cleaning up the Cooum in Chennai and also the Musi in Hyderabad. In Bengaluru, it has been deployed in some storm-water drains, and Nagawara and Dasarahalli lakes.

"There were many participants in the challenge but their technologies were not visibly working whereas ours was working. We took a mesh approach where the water flows past but the trash is stopped, whereas the other participants were using fabric booms which are basically used for oil spill," said D.C. Shekar, director, AlphaMERS.

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Kannada films making waves, but struggle for space on OTT platforms

Over the last two years, streaming platforms have become more risk averse after their investments on content backfired and failed to earn returns during the boom period of the pandemic

Original Kannada web series on streaming platforms

- Humble Politician Nograj, Honeymoon, By Mistake - Voot Select
- OTT season of Big Boss Kannada - Voot Select
- Namma Oorina Rasikaru - Katte

Original film releases on streaming platforms

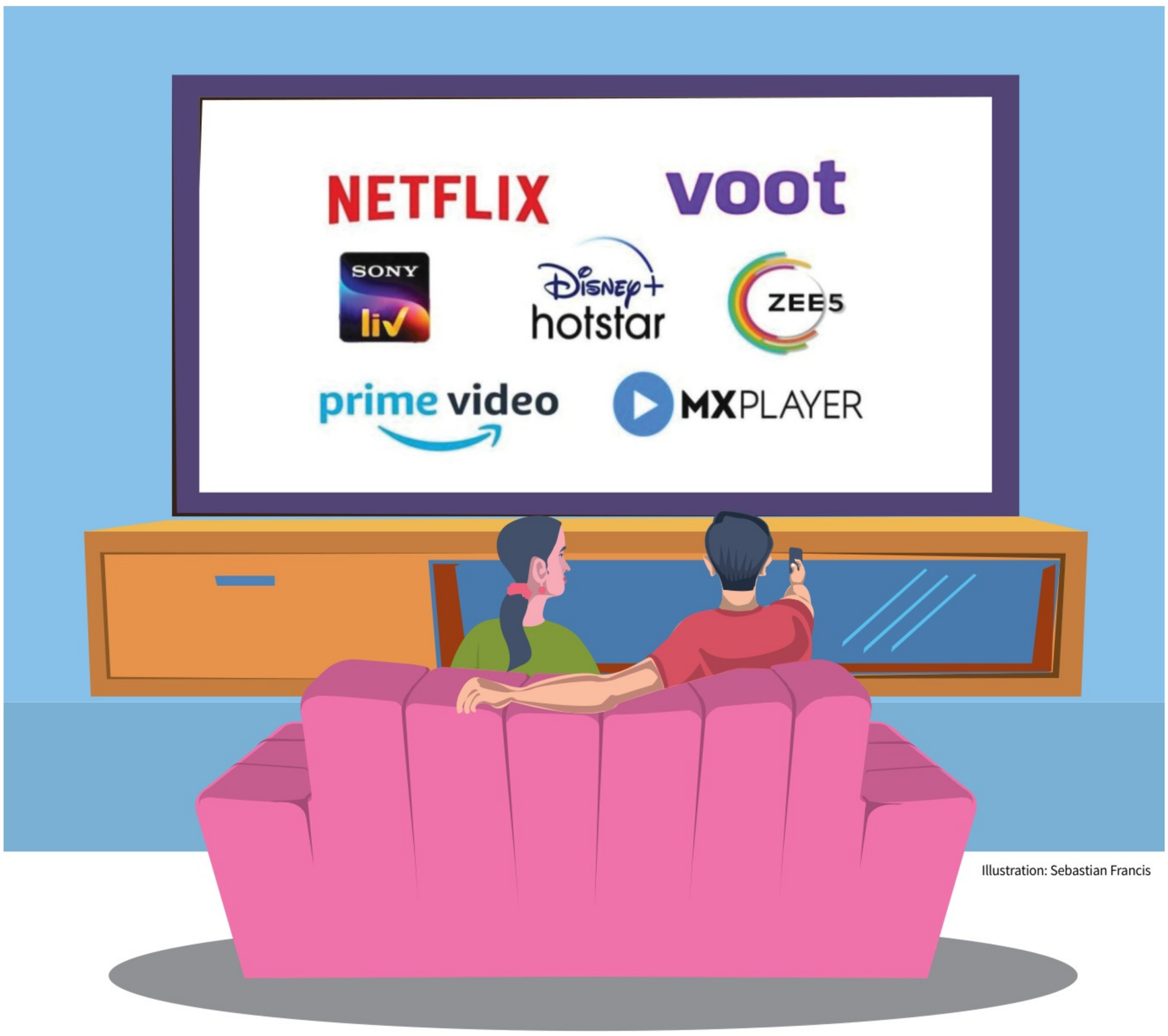
- Bhinna - Zee5
- Law, French Biriyani, One Cut Two Cut, Ikkat - Amazon Prime

Big successes on streaming platforms

- KGF 1 and 2
- Badava Rascal
- Yuvarathna
- Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana
- Charlie 777

Streaming platforms predominantly focusing on Kannada and Tulu content

- NammaFlix, Katte, Localwood, Talkies



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The spotlight is on the Kannada film industry after many decades. The blockbuster success of the *KGF* franchise and the recently released *Kantara* beyond the State even as Bollywood has failed to cater to the audience tastes today has positioned Kannada content in a unique place in the market today.

Though there has been much enthusiasm for Kannada films across the country, it seems to have not translated into space for Kannada content on streaming platforms.

A host of filmmakers, who have been pitching web series to streaming platforms, said the common response they get was to appreciate their pitch and ask them if they could make the series in Hindi, Telugu or Tamil and are not open to Kannada content.

Streaming platforms are only open for content starring superstars, and not for smaller films that do not boast of any stars, say industry experts

"When we pitch for original web series or films to various streaming platforms, many times, we have been asked to produce the same content in Hindi or other languages with actors from those languages. They are not even ready to accept an offer to produce the content in Kannada and dub it in other languages. This has not changed," said B. Suresha, filmmaker and leading producer of Kannada films and television content.

Unexplored market

Kannada still remains a largely unexplored and untested market for streaming platforms, which, over the last two years, have become more risk averse after their investments on content backfired and failed to earn returns during the boom period of the pandemic, said a senior content curator in a leading multinational streaming platform.

"Streaming platforms are like e-commerce ventures; nobody is making money. Everybody is investing hundreds or thousands of crores with a hope that the model will break even some day. But wrong decisions on which content to bet has backfired on many of these streaming platforms and amidst an economic slowdown, they have become extremely risk averse," said a senior marketing executive at another streaming platform.

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>
> **B. SURESHA,** filmmaker

Paid subscribers

Industry insiders also said most of the paid subscribers of streaming platforms in Karnataka come from Bengaluru. Bengaluru is a multilingual market where Kannadigas are in fact a minority. "So platforms think in the given circumstance, it doesn't make sense to invest on a diverse portfolio of Kannada content," an executive from a streaming platform said.

With the streaming platforms in expansionist mode but risk averse, it has created a new problem for original independent Kannada content. "Today, the 'number guys' are sitting to decide on content at most platforms. The sole criteria guiding investment on content in the Kannada market today is to see whether this product will get the platform new paid subscribers," said a marketing executive at a streaming platform.

Marquee names

This has almost replicated the box-office on streaming platforms too. "Today, they are only open for content starring matinee idols and superstars, mega budget blockbusters and not for smaller films that do not boast of any stars. It is the *KGF* that they are interested in," said Srinivas Sribhakta, producer and content curator for streaming platforms.

A senior executive at Voot, one of the platforms betting on Kannada content, said *Badava Rascal*, a film starring Dhananjaya, *Neerdose*, starring Jaggesh, and an exclusive OTT season of Sudeep-led *Big Boss*, brought in many new subscribers to the platform. So did, Puneeth Rajkumar starrer *Yuvarathna* and the *KGF* franchise for Amazon Prime, said industry sources.

Rakshith Shetty starrer *Charlie 777* and Raj B. Shetty directorial *Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana*, which had successful theatrical runs, have also done well on streaming platforms across the country, sources said.

"The platforms are not ready to bet on any content which doesn't have a marquee name or has already had a successful theatrical run at the box office like films *Love Mocktail* or *Dia*," an industry insider said. This has also created unofficial monopolies over the space, many rue.

"What *KGF* and *Kantara* have done to Kannada cinema is immense. But we need more production houses to produce good content and for the people, streaming platforms to embrace it for the industry to grow. We need to keep up this momentum, like Malayalam cinema has been doing since 2012-13.

For instance, we got Adarsh Eshwarappa's *Bhinna* sold as a Zee5 original in 2019, the first Kannada cinema to do so. But till date no other Kannada film has gone as an original on that platform in three years, despite *Bhinna* doing well for them even now," said Mr. Sribhakta.

"In Telugu and Tamil, most of the star actors have begun production houses and they are producing content-oriented small budget films and selling them to streaming platforms by the force of the market they command. There have been deals between the stars and these production houses to buy these films, and the stars will also sell blockbuster films they star in, to the same platforms. There was one such attempt in Kannada by Puneeth Rajkumar, whose productions *French Biriyani*, *Law* and *One Cut Two Cut* were sold as Amazon Originals. But it is sad that he passed away and this project seems to have been aborted. We hope other stars will take over his mantle," said a content curator who did not wish to be named.

Possible merger

Meanwhile, a senior executive at one of the streaming platforms said the industry was now in a state of flux as Voot and Jio Cinema, Zee5 and SonyLiv are expected to be merged into single apps and these platforms were now looking at regional markets for the next big expansion of their subscriber base.

"Streaming platforms are looking for more subscribers to cut their losses and that can only come from moving beyond the saturated markets and cities. 2023-24 will begin the exploration of regional markets and Kannada is definitely on everyone's mind especially after the pan Indian success of *KGF* and *Kantara*. Some projects that were already in the pipeline have also been put on hold for 2023-24," said a senior marketing executive at a leading streaming platform in Karnataka.

Kannada OTTs: Driven by passion, stunted by lack of funds

Nalme Nachiyar
BENGALURU

In 2020, during COVID-19 lockdown, consumption of digital content spiked across the country and over-the-top (OTT) services saw an increased traffic of new users, even from tier-two cities. It was a situation rife with opportunities for Kannada-language content, which had been struggling to find a space for itself on streaming and distribution platforms.

By 2021, Karnataka was home to four major OTT platforms, all launched with the intention of offering content in regional languages of the State. Among them, NammaFlix and Katte promised its users exclusive Kannada content while Talkies App and Localwood prioritised content in Tulu, Konkani, Kannada and Beary languages, spoken in coastal Karnataka.

A year since, however, not many even within Karnataka have heard of these subscription-based streaming services. The many roadblocks they have hit include competition with established players, paucity of funding, a barebones catalogue, and patchy user interface that is preventing user acquisition and retention leading to a low subscriber base.

For Kannada OTT start-ups, caught in a David versus Goliath tussle with multinational companies like Netflix and Amazon, the strategy is to take small but sure steps.

"With an investment of thousands of crores of rupees, top OTT players can acquire or undertake big-budget productions, headlined by major stars. Meanwhile, mid-budget films either lack the network to get there or are misguided by mediators. Regional players like NammaFlix can bridge this gap," says Vijayaprakash, founder of NammaFlix which was the first Kannada OTT platform to be launched in 2020.

Suraj Bolar, the Programming Head of the multilingual Talkies App concurs. "Our target is the SEC (socio-economic class) B audience who make up the middle-class, family segment. But not many such households have smart TVs or uninterrupted internet connectivity yet, slowing down the growth of our subscriber base," he says.

User acquisition

With more services mushrooming, making it is easier to lose track of content, local OTTs are trying several strategies to better position themselves. This includes experimenting with originals, direct-to-OTT releases or tying up with satellite TV channels to acquire popular soaps.

To address the lack of discoverability of Kannada content, NammaFlix was offered as an add-on subscription under Prime Video Channels. "Our tie-up with Amazon and TataPlay has brought us very good traction. We have seen a 30-35% boost in paid users and 45% in free users since 2021. Every month, we have about 75-80k new users," he says.

However, despite budget-friendly monthly and annual subscription packages, the lack of a diverse catalogue as well as slick user interface experience is driving away new users while failing to retain existing subscribers.

This is where other regional OTTs like Aha (Telugu) and HoiChoi (Bengali) have struck gold with not just relentlessly populating their platforms with fresh films, series and reality shows, both acquired and original, but also maintaining high quality.

At the end of the day, all good content costs money – for creation, hosting, streaming, publicity and marketing. "An OTT should have five new films every week, which requires about ₹5 crores each week for at least five years. And no new content can be justified unless it brings subscribers. This requires sustained, long-term investment, big names and a solid portfolio of content," says filmmaker B. Suresha.

Director Pawan Kumar, whose U-Turn was the first Kannada movie to be available on a streaming service, calls this a "chicken and egg situation," while pointing to a trust deficit among Kannada audience.

A distant dream

Ultimately, the OTT business is a numbers game where all stakeholders are playing it safe to get a return on the investment.

"Smaller regional OTT players will take a while to come into their own. If a big name like Hombale steps up to make an OTT, then the trust they have built will convert into subscribers. Their money power will also prompt other producers and distributors to sell them their films," says Avinash Divakar, co-founder of Katte.

"It comes down to not just having enough money to buy content and drive it technologically, but also to know your audience and create programming for them," Pawan says.

With *KGF* and *Kantara* going global, Pawan hopes people will commission more content straight to Kannada. However, a solely Kannada OTT, without a massive investment and two to three decadal vision, still feels like a distant dream.

Everybody says *kabaddi*

How Pro Kabaddi made the hinterland game the most-watched sport in India after cricket

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A crowd of about 100 people restlessly wait in front of Sree Kanteerava Indoor Stadium in Bengaluru. It is a Wednesday evening, and they are in line to watch a Pro Kabbadi double header – Gujarat Giants versus UP Yoddhas and Bengaluru Bulls versus Tamil Thalaivas.

A family of four – a middle-aged couple, an elderly woman, and a child – clad in red-and-black Bengaluru Bulls jerseys await their turn to enter the gate. Pro Kabaddi has been their dinner routine for the last three years. "We don't even watch cricket as much as we watch kabaddi," says Sharadha D, a bank employee. (The auditorium, however, would later scream, rather absurdly, the name of the local IPL team – "RCB, RCB" – whenever Bengaluru Bulls scores.)

As team buses enter the premises, one after another, the child frantically waves his hands at the bus windows, yelling the names of his favourite players.One of the names is Chandran Ranjit, the captain of Gujarat Giants.

Dream come true

Chandran is from Alathankarai, a hamlet in Kanyakumari and one of the many scattered kabaddi hubs in Tamil Nadu. The Alathankarai Kabaddi Club, founded in 1989, has produced several national and international players. Chandran has been playing kabaddi since he was 15. His coach initially told him he was too thin to play the sport; but Chandran joined a game. "I just wanted to play," he says. "I never thought if it would help me get employed; if it would help me to support my family." But it did – he built a house for his parents; married off his sister; and from being relatively unknown in Alathankarai, he now has fans in Bengaluru yelling his name.

Pro Kabaddi, started in 2014 (as Pro Kabaddi League), changed Chandran's life – and the sport itself.

Despite being so good at it, India did not have a big following for kabaddi. It was considered a rural sport. The buzz came only once in four years when the men's team (and later the women's team) won the gold medal at the Asian Games.

During the Asian Games in Guangzhou in 2010, Deoraj Chaturvedi, an official from the Asian Kabaddi Federation, met commentator Charu Sharma to discuss the idea of a professional league.

Four years later, Mashal Sports, a company founded in 1994 by Sharma and industrialist Anand Mahindra, along with Disney Star launched the Pro Kabaddi League. It glamourised the game with brightly coloured mats, laser lights, DJs, and film stars (some of them who owned teams).

"We knew there was a cultural cognisance of the sport in India. For instance, you can easily recall popular films where the hero is a kabaddi player. We needed to resonate with this following and reform the sport," says Anupam Goswami, executive head of Mashal Sports and the League Commissioner of Pro Kabaddi.

It was not just the external embellishments.

The league, Anupam adds, invested heavily in sports science and analytics to ensure the highest standard of competition and broadcasting.

Pro Kabaddi made a hinterland sport a cynosure of primetime television.

Rapid growth

After the IPL, Pro Kabaddi is the most-watched sports league in India, which also has Indian Super League (football), Premier Badminton League, among others. In its inaugural season in 2014, 435 million people watched the 37-day event (the same year, IPL had 552 million viewers). Pro Kabaddi also has the most participants (12) among all sporting leagues in the country.

The value of the league seems to have soared as well. The highest bid during the player auction increased from ₹12.8 lakh (for Rakesh Kumar by the Patna franchise) in 2014 to ₹2.26 crore (for Pawan Kumar Sherawat by Tamil Thalaivas) in 2022. To put that in perspective, the total prize money in season four (₹2 crore) was less than what Pawan got this year. Another indicator of the league's growth is its media rights value. Last year, Star India purchased the rights till 2025 for ₹905 crore.

Star India's all-guns-blazing marketing worked wonderfully. In rural centres and urban, scores of people tune in to the league.

One of the reasons for Pro Kabaddi's success, at least on TV, is the brevity of the sport. The whole deal, from the toss to the presentation, gets over within an hour – which is less than a T20 game. The matches begin late evening, a convenient time for the entire household to watch.

Despite these impressive numbers, the league is still in its infancy. Organisers are still experimenting with rules, format, and scheduling. They have to tackle the task of increasing public interest in the sport.

"We need to keep updating ourselves with game-changing technologies, [illegible] respect to refereeing. We have to discover young talent and nurture them," says Anupam. He adds, "Hopefully, the league's success will translate into medals for India in the Asian Games and other international events. We have just started. There is a long way to go."

A brief history

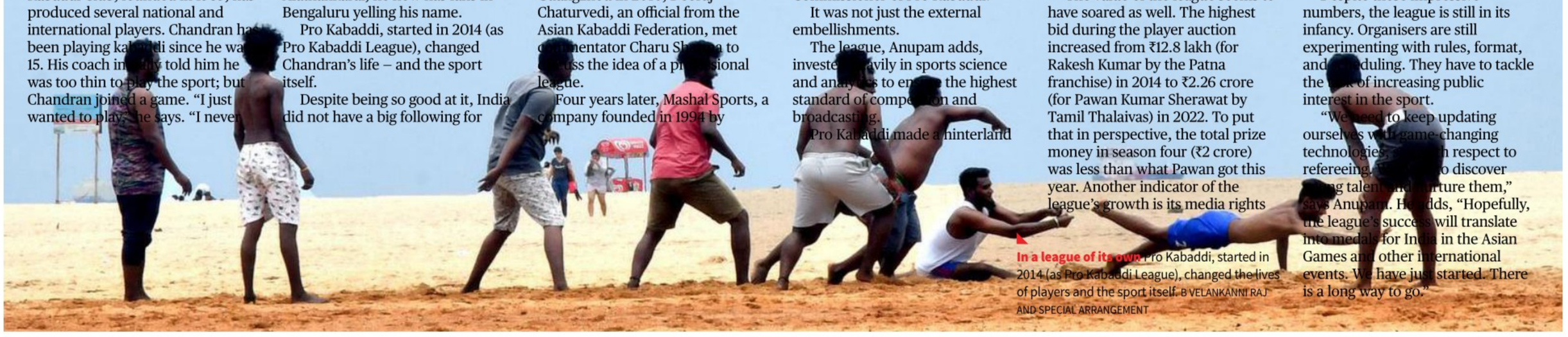
Kabaddi is said to have existed in the subcontinent in one form or the other since prehistoric times. There are apocryphal tales of Krishna and, later, Buddha playing the ancient form of the sport.

Rononjoy Sen's book, *Nation At Play*, speculates it originated during the Vedic Age (between 1500 BC and 600 BC). According to the Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India (AKFI), which is the national sports federation of kabaddi, the first framework of rules for the sport was prepared in Maharashtra in the 1920s.

One of the earliest tournaments of modern kabaddi, the All India Kabaddi Tournament in 1923, was played according to these amended rules.

A little-known physical education institute from Amravati, Maharashtra, showcased the sport at the 1936 Berlin Olympics (though it was not officially a part of the event). This was the sport's first major international appearance.

Kabaddi gradually grew in the latter half of the 20th Century. In 1990, it was a part of the Asian Games, wherein India won the inaugural gold medal. It went on to win the gold in each of the next six editions. India was the undisputed kabaddi champ.



In a league of its own Pro Kabaddi, started in 2014 (as Pro Kabaddi League), changed the lives of players and the sport itself. B VELANKANNI RAJ AND SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Gather round for Fright Night

Get your spooks on this Halloween with a dose of homegrown horror

Anurag Tagat

When filmmaker and director Deepak Ramsay was 16 years old and a college goer, he would head straight to the sets of horror movie *Veerana* after classes, where he was already handling things alongside his father Tulsi Ramsay and uncle Shyam Ramsay.

This was 1988, but his memory remains crystal clear. "It was the family business, so you had to be there but *Veerana* was an amazing film and an amazing experience," Ramsay says over the phone from Mumbai. Since then, the Ramsay legacy only been further cemented, with Ramsay helming over 200 episodes of the *Zee Horror Show* through the 1990s. "I'm about four or five films old as a director also. *Veerana* was like first love; you can't forget it."

Even as other projects were added to his credit, Ramsay worked to preserve the family legacy of Indian horror cinema. Most recently, he began working on restoring *Veerana* in 2K resolution and it is now about to premiere, for Halloween on October 29 as part of pop culture-focused company Bollywood Crypt's One Night of Fright event. "We're super excited to see it back on the screen again."

Boo! A still from *Veerana*, Deepak Ramsay (below) SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Bollywood Crypt's Sandesh Shenoy says the event is a precursor to a full-blown multi-city film festival dedicated to Ramsay works. "I always enjoyed these amazing horror movie festivals and conventions abroad and wondered what it would be like to have one of our very own in India," Shenoy says. One Night of Fright will include a screening of *Veerana*, with Deepak Ramsay as guest of honour, plus a conversation with Bollywood film historian and author Dhruv Somani about the history of Indian horror movies. Director Anurag Kashyap is also expected to attend. True to Shenoy's penchant for metal and electronics with his label Cyclopean Eye Productions, he's also bringing in seasoned noise/electronic artist Hemanth Sreekumar for a performance that promises to be infernal.

Shenoy says the idea was not just to host "yet another one dimensional movie screening." "My aim is to make this event more of an 'experience' as people tend to remember and cherish them more. A mix of the screening, film history talks and the musical performance aims to create the same," he says. There are plans to make One Night of Fright a bi-monthly event, followed by a big annual event every year. There might be even metal and industrial music artists performing, if the organiser sees a good fit.

Bollywood Crypt is also producing bonus disc material including interviews with those involved in the making of Ramsay films for the Hindi Horror boxset.

Ramsay, for his part, is excited about attending the forthcoming event and meeting with fans who have powered a cult following for films such as *Veerana, Purana Mandir,* and *Bandh Darwaza,* among others.

Bollywood Crypt's One Night of Fright takes place on October 29 from 5 pm onwards at Puravankara Auditorium, Banashankari. Entry: ₹750, tickets available on bollywoodcrypt.myinstamojo.com

STEPOUT

Attention, anime lovers

If you call yourself a weeb, the Atsumaru Euphoria festival at The Hub Bengaluru on Infantry Road on October 29 might interest you. The 12-hour festival on the rooftop of The Hub, which begins at noon, will have anime, music, and food. Atsumaru Euphoria will bring together fans of anime, manga, and gaming. The food festival, on a separate terrace, will feature not just Japanese cuisine from Matsuri but also biriyani, burgers, baos, cocktails, and more.

The event is open to those who are 21 and above. Tickets on insider.in start from ₹1881 onwards.

INBRIEF

CM inaugurates exhibition by photojournalists

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday inaugurated an exhibition of photographs curated by the Photojournalists Association of Bangalore titled 'Frozen Memories'. It is open for three days at Chitrakala Parishat in Bengaluru. The exhibition shows photojournalists capturing both politically significant and light-hearted moments as they go about their work.

Karnataka Teachers Eligibility Test to be held on Nov. 6

The Department of School Education and Literacy will hold the Karnataka Teachers Eligibility Test (KARTET 2022) on November 6. The test will be held in 781 centres in the 35 educational districts across Karnataka. The test will be conducted in two sessions. First session (Paper 1) will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This is particularly for candidates who are primary school teachers. The second session (Paper 2) will be held from 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. This test is conducted for graduate primary teachers.

Chargesheet filed against seer under sections of IPC, POCSO, SC/ST Act

The case pertains to the alleged sexual harassment of two minor girls who were residents of the hostel on Murugha Mutt premises; Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru was arrested on September 1

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

The Chitradurga police, on Thursday, filed a chargesheet against Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru and two others in connection with the alleged case of sexual harassment of two minor girls who were residents of the hostel on the Murugha Mutt premises.

The charges include rape, repeated rape, criminal intimidation, causing disappearance of evidence, intentional omission of giving information, causing annoyance or insulting a member of SC/ST among several others.

According to Superintendent of Police of Chitradurga K. Parashurama, the chargesheet has been filed against the seer of Murugha Mutt, second accused Rashmi, warden of the hostel, and Pramashiavaiah, manager of the mutt, in the Second Additional District and Sessions Court of Chitradurga.

A file photo of Murugha Mutt in Chitradurga.

He clarified that the involvement of accused number 3 (a minor) and accused number 5 Gangadhar had not yet been established and investigation had continued under Section 173 (8) of Cr.PC.

The Chitradurga Rural police had registered the case (No. 387/ 2022) against the accused under Sections 376(2) (N), 376 (DA), 376(3), 201, 202, 506 read with 34 and 37 of IPC and Section 17, 5 (L), 6 of POCSO Act-2012 and 3 Clause (1), Sub Clause W(1) (2), 3 clause (2) (V)(VA) SC/ST PA Act-1989, Section 3(f) and Section 7 of Religious Institution Prevention of Misuse Act-1988 and Section 75 of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children Act-2015) on August 28, 2022.

The district police after investigation have now filed chargesheet against the three accused.

The Mysuru police registered a case under POCSO act against the head of the mutt on August 26 based on the complaint, with the help of Mysuru-based NGO Odanadi. The case was transferred to Chitradurga on August 27. The seer was arrested on September 1, after an uproar over delay in action.

Modi to flag off State's first Vande Bharat Express on Nov. 11

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will flag off South India's first and India's fifth Vande Bharat Express train on November 11 in Bengaluru. This will also the first Vande Bharat train for the State, which is set to go to Legislative Assembly elections next year.

The train will operate between Mysuru and Chennai via Bengaluru.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday chaired a virtual meeting with senior officials and Mr. Modi and discussed the preparations for the programme.

Several programmes

Mr. Bommai said Mr. Modi will arrive at HAL Airport on November 11 at 10 a.m. and fly to Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) for the inauguration of the much-awaited Terminal 2 of the airport. It was developed spending ₹5,000 crore and has the capacity to handle 2.5 crore passengers a year, said an official release.

The train will operate between Mysuru and Chennai via Bengaluru

Statue to be unveiled

On the same day, Mr. Modi will unveil a 108-feet bronze statue of Kempegowda at the airport. Called the "Statue of Prosperity", it will reflect the progress Bengaluru made under the vision of Kempegowda, the founder of Bengaluru, Minister for IT/BT and Higher Education C.N. Ashwath Narayan said. The government has decided to develop a theme park at KIA spread over 23 acres.

Later, the Prime Minister will address a public meeting, Mr. Bommai said.

Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma, CM's principal secretary N. Manjunath Prasad, and senior officials of various departments, the Indian Railways, and the KIA attended the virtual meeting.

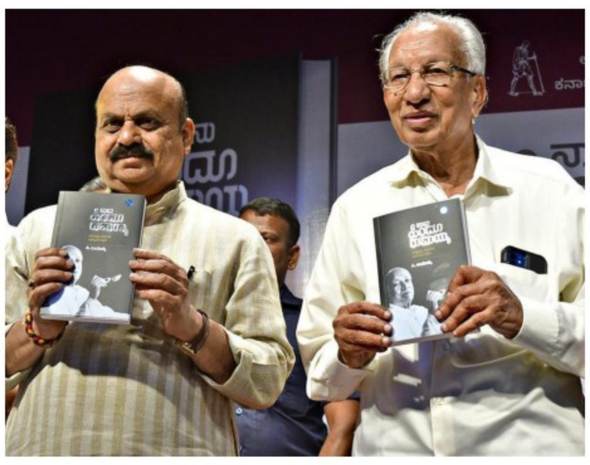
'Ramiah was guided purely by truth'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday described veteran journalist P. Ramiah as a rare journalist who was guided purely by truth throughout his 45-year-long career.

He was speaking after releasing the 269-page book *Naanu Hindu Ramiah*, memoirs of the nonagenarian Mr. Ramiah, former head of *The Hindu* Karnataka Bureau. Though telling truth hurts people, it never soured his relations with them as they knew his intentions were honest, he observed.

Mr. Ramiah had written only a few things in his memoirs and held back much, though he was privy to many developments. "Anyone in his place would have sensationalised the book and resorted to dramatic narration style. But Mr. Ramiah has kept it plain and desisted from glorifying them, which reflects his journalistic style," he said. He described the memoirs as a book that captures the history of contemporary times.



Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at the release of journalist P. Ramiah's book *Naanu Hindu Ramiah* in Bengaluru on Thursday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Ramiah said his main achievement in the nearly five-decade-long journalistic career was the love and affection received by people from all classes and sections. "I consider this love and affection as my main asset," he remarked.

He appealed to the Chief Minister to implement the recommendations of a committee led by him that had suggested ways to support small newspapers.

Journalist Hunasawadi Rajan and T. Venkatesh, head of Abhimani Publications Ltd. that has published the book, president of Karnataka Gandhi Smarak Nidhi Wooday P. Krishna, Karnataka Media Academy president Sadashiva Shenoy, Karnataka Working Journalists' Union president Shivananda Tagaduru, and Press Club of Bengaluru president R. Sridhar were present.

Bommai hails value-based journalism of *The Hindu*

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday showered rich praises on *The Hindu* for value-based journalism, participating in the release of memoirs of veteran journalist and former head of The Hindu Karnataka Bureau P. Ramiah.

"*The Hindu* stands apart from other newspapers right from pre-Independent days. It has made a significant contribution to the country's democratic system by giving importance to values and ideology," he said.

Mr. Bommai observed that the articles written by senior journalists of *The Hindu* served as reference points for politicians and others.

Deve Gowda re-elected JD(S) national president

JD(S) leaders H.D. Deve Gowda and H.D. Kumaraswamy at the national executive committee meeting in Bengaluru on Thursday.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda on Thursday was re-elected unanimously as the national president of the Janata Dal (Secular).

The octogenarian leader's re-election came during the two-day national executive of the party that began here on Thursday. Leaders of the party from 13 States are taking part in the national executive. Among those present were former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, party State president C.M. Ibrahim, and Kerala Power Minister Krishnan Kutty.

The national executive also discussed the current political climate in the country, and passed resolutions pertaining to labour issues and agriculture, party sources said.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Kumaraswamy told reporters that the JD(S), if voted to power, will set up a skill development university in the name of Bengaluru founder Kempegowda. He added that the party's target is to win 10 to 12 seats in Bengaluru.

TRS issue: Kumaraswamy demands answer from PM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Questioning the silence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the Telangana legislators' issue, former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, whose coalition government was brought down by the BJP in 2019, on Thursday said that he was not surprised at all over the alleged attempts to poach TRS legislators.

Speaking to reporters here, he said the BJP used money to bring down his government, and that the same corrupt practice was being used to purchase TRS legislators.

Stating that it was not easy to destabilise the TRS government in Telangana, Mr. Kumaraswamy said the Prime Minister and the Enforcement Directorate must answer for the ₹17 crore that has been seized.

Two assaulted over cow slaughter

The Hindu Bureau
HASSAN

A group of people said to be activists associated with Bajrang Dal, allegedly attacked two Dalits of Halebelur village on Wednesday over slaughtering a cow. Lokesh, in his complaint, alleged that Ravi alias Charlie, Shivu, Srijit and a few others assaulted him and his friend Chandru and scolded them by mentioning their caste.

Over a crore people enrol for 'Koti Kanta Gaayana' today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Koti Kanta Gaayana, a programme organised by the Kannada and Culture Department to facilitate mass singing of six classic Kannada songs including the State anthem on Friday, has evoked good response with over 1.1 crore persons enrolling themselves for the proposed event.

Kannadigas living in 25 different countries and 29 States are among those who have enrolled, said a release. Kannada and Culture Minister V. Sunil Kumar expressed confidence that the enrolment for the programme would touch 1.5 crore.

The six Kannada songs that are being sung at the event are state anthem *Jaya Bharata Jananiya Tanujaathe* by Kuvempu, *Udayavagali Namma Cheluva Kannada Naadu* of Huyilagola Narayan Rao, *Vishwa Vinuthana Vidya Chetana* of Chennaveera Kanavi, *Baarisu Kannada Dindimava* of Kuvempu and *Hachhevu Kannadada Deepa* of D.S. Karki.

The mass singing will be held at 15 different locations, including the foresteps of Vidhana Soudha, High Court premises, Kanteerava Stadium, and Bengaluru International airport. This is in addition to venues in other States and countries.

Alliance Air flight discontinued

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MYSURU

The Bengaluru-Mysuru-Kochi flight operated by Alliance Air has been discontinued as per the winter schedule approved by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation and will come into force from October 30, according to the airport authorities.

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27th October 2022

CORRIGENDUM

The advertisement No. NA/2/2022 was issued on 21st September 2022. The Category advertised as Cat. 1 (Women) may be read as Cat. 1.

Completed applications with copies of testimonials should be sent in a cover super scribed as **"Application for the post of Research Investigator"** so as to reach the undersigned on or before November 25, 2022.

Registrar

ISEC-22319

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
49, East Wing , 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan Race Course Road, Bengaluru-560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383, Website : **www.kiadb.in**
No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-27/13256/2022-23 Date: 27.10.2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GoK e-Procurement Portal Only)

Tender under two cover bid system is invited for the work mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors holding valid Class-III & above (Civil) issued from KPWD, Government of Karnataka who have got adequate financial resources, state-of-the-art technology, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the following work as per the schedule given below:

Name of the work: Upgradation of 30.00m wide road including pothole filling in 18.00m & 15.00m wide roads in Vasanthanarasapura Industrial Area Phase-I, Tumakuru Taluk & District. Last date for submission of bids is: **15.11.2022 up to 4:00 p.m.** Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Chief Engineer-1, K.I.A.D.B

KARNATAKA STATE BEVERAGES CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
4th Floor, TTMC Building, 'A' Block, BMTC Shanthinagar, Bengaluru - 560 027. Ph No.: 2248 3636 / 38 / 39
Fax: 2248 3645 / 2211 3106

No: KSBCL/E-6377/ADMIN/MPS Tender-1/2022-23/Call-2 Date: 27.10.2022

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION (Call-2)

Karnataka State Beverages Corporation Limited (KSBCL) is inviting online e-tender through e-Procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka under two cover system from reputed original equipment manufacturers (OEM) /authorized dealers/vendors for Supply of Multifunction Network Managed Printers (MPS) on rental basis to IML depots located across Karnataka. The calendar of events for the e-tender is as follows: 1) Pre-bid meeting on : **04.11.2022 at 11:30 hrs.** 2) Venue: Karnataka State Beverages Corporation Limited, 4th Floor, TTMC Building, A Block, BMTC, Shantinagar, Bengaluru - 560 027. 3) Uploading of Bids: **16.11.2022 upto 17:30 hrs.** 4) Opening of Technical Bids: **18.11.2022 at 11:30 hrs.** 5) Opening of Financial Bids: **21.11.2022 at 11:30 hrs.**
For more details visit website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or www.ksbcl.com

Sd/-
Executive Director (Finance & Administration)
DIPR/CP/2800/MAA/22-23

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Director PM-POSHAN, Mid-Day Meal Scheme,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
K.G. Road, Bengluru-09. Phone: 080-22242943, 080-22271998
e-Mail: mdmskarnataka@gmail.com
L-No, M-5/PMP/PU/A/06/2022-23 Date: 21.10.2022

ADVERTISMENT

Office of the Director PM-POSHAN requires one NUTRITION OFFICER on contract basis for 3 years with renewal every year based on satisfactory performance with consolidated Remuneration will be Rs.75,000/-, 82,500/- & Rs.90,000 per month in 1st/2nd/3rd year respectively.

Qualification: Master Degree (PG) in Home Science (Food & Nutrition) or Master Degree (PG) in Science or Allied Science from recognized Institution/University or certified Diploma in Nutrition/Diploma in Public Health Nutrition from recognised Institution/University.

Experience: Minimum 5 years of service experience as Nutritionist in any Health Institution or Teaching Professor in Nutrition Education Institution.

The eligible and experienced candidates may apply with relevant documents by e-mail or through post on or before **18.11.2022 at 5.30 pm.**

Sd/- Director, PM-Poshan, (MDM)
K.G.Road, Bengaluru-09.

INBRIEF

KCR government looting Telangana's resources: Rahul

Addressing a meeting near Makthal during his Bharat Jodo Yatra on Thursday, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi alleged that K. Chandrashekhar Rao's government was looting Telangana's resources. The Kaleshwaram project is steeped in corruption. "It is the most corrupt government in the entire country," he alleged.

Congress leader Satheesan Pacheni passes away

Congress leader Satheesan Pacheni passed away in Kannur on Thursday. He was 54 and was undergoing treatment in a private hospital after suffering cerebral haemorrhage on October 19. He was Kannur District Congress Committee president from 2016 to 2021.

Coimbatore car blast case handed over to the NIA

Agency to register fresh FIR; decision comes a day after Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin recommended an investigation by NIA into the October 23 blast in which a person was killed

Vijaita Singh
Wilson Thomas
NEW DELHI/COIMBATORE

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Thursday handed over the probe in the recent Coimbatore car-explosion case to the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

The decision came a day after Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin recommended an investigation by the NIA into the October 23 blast near a temple in which Jameesha Mubin, an engineer, was killed.

"The NIA has been handed over the probe in the Coimbatore blast. The agency will register a fresh FIR," a senior government official said.

Taking stock: DGP C. Sylendra Babu reviewing the progress of probe in the car blast case, in Coimbatore on Thursday. J. MANOHARAN

An NIA official said the agency has received the requisite orders and has sent a team to Coimbatore to inspect the scene of crime.

One more held

Meanwhile, the Tamil Nadu police on Thursday arrested a sixth person, a relative of the suspected mastermind Jameesha Mubin, on various charges including procuring of raw materials used for the explosion.

The accused was identified as Afsar Khan, 28. Sources privy to the investigation said, Khan sourced raw materials required to make explosives.

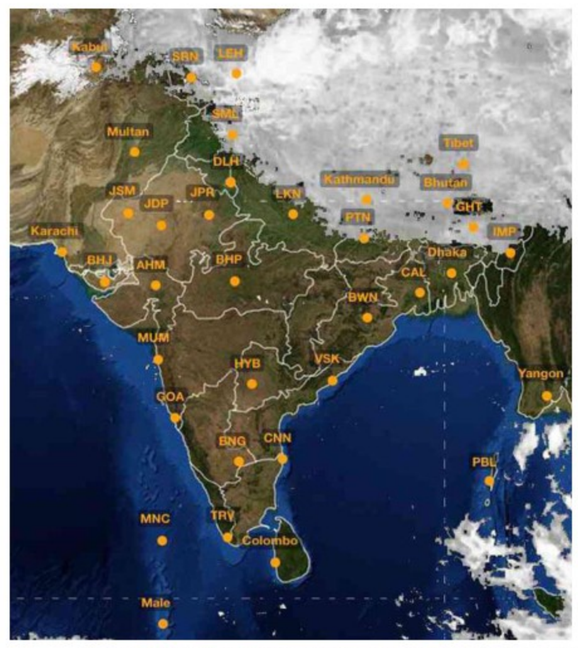
Following the blast, a search at Mubin's residence on October 23 had led to unearthing of a large quantity of raw materials such as potassium nitrate, aluminium powder, sulphur and charcoal.

Director-General of Police C. Sylendra Babu reviewed the progress of the investigation in Coimbatore on Thursday evening.

"As part of the NIA taking over the case, officials from the agency and Coimbatore City Police Commissioner had a meeting on Thursday. The Tamil Nadu police will extend all support to NIA for the investigation," said the DGP.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	29.9	20.4	Kozhikode	—	35.0	24.1
Ahmedabad	—	35.4	18.7	Kurnool	—	33.6	20.3
Aizawl	—	—	15.0	Lucknow	—	31.0	20.7
Allahabad	—	33.3	17.2	Madurai	—	33.4	25.0
Bengaluru	—	29.7	15.5	Mangaluru	—	33.4	21.8
Bhopal	—	32.7	16.4	Mumbai	—	34.5	20.2
Bhubaneswar	—	32.3	21.1	Mysuru	—	30.6	20.6
Chandigarh	—	30.9	14.9	New Delhi	—	31.9	15.0
Chennai	1.8	30.0	24.3	Patna	—	30.6	18.2
Coimbatore	—	31.6	21.4	Port Blair	—	31.2	24.8
Dehradun	—	28.0	14.3	Puducherry	0.5	31.2	20.6
Gangtok	—	18.6	12.7	Pune	—	29.5	16.3
Goa	—	33.4	20.9	Raipur	—	31.8	18.7
Guwahati	—	29.8	19.0	Ranchi	—	30.2	16.0
Hubballi	—	31.0	17.0	Shillong	—	20.6	9.7
Hyderabad	—	30.4	18.1	Shimla	—	23.8	13.1
Imphal	—	28.2	15.1	Srinagar	—	21.7	4.0
Jaipur	—	33.9	18.7	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.0	24.4
Kochi	—	31.0	25.2	Tiruchi	—	32.3	21.6
Kohima	—	—	10.8	Vijayawada	—	32.4	22.8
Kolkata	—	32.0	24.2	Visakhapatnam	—	32.8	25.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	100	164	.13	186	200	
Bengaluru	8	34	.48	200	162	
Chennai	.12	.74	183	187	121	
Delhi	.23	160	.64	377	432	
Hyderabad	.36	.59	.25	124	130	
Kolkata	9	.19	.22	157	123	
Lucknow	.13	.95	.74	294	266	
Mumbai	.14	.69	.82	251	155	
Pune	—	.21	.39	—	—	—
Visakhapatnam	.25	.37	.15	87	103	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 373 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Sivasagar, Assam recorded a healthy AQI score of 14

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Reasons for blocking contents or account can be withheld only when it outweighs larger public interest: Twitter to HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The reasons for blocking of contents or accounts can be withheld from being communicated to the persons or organisations against whom blocking orders are issued only when the larger public interest outweighs making the reasons known to the affected, microblogging platform Twitter contended before the High Court of Karnataka on Thursday.

These submissions were made before Justice Krishna S. Dixit during the hearing of Twitter's petition questioning the legality of various blocking orders passed by the designated authority, which had ordered Twitter to either block tweets or accounts.

When Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000, specifically states that the reasons for blocking have to be recorded in writing, there is no meaning in not disclosing or communicating the recorded reasons to the affected, contended Senior Advocate Ashok Haranahalli, while continuing arguments on behalf of Twitter. Even though the reasons are not disclosed to the affected ones due to larger public interest, they have to be disclosed to the courts, he argued.

It was also pointed out on behalf of Twitter that one of the reasons the apex court had upheld the constitutional validity of Section 69A in Shreya Singhal's case was that the law provides for "reasons to be recorded in writing in such blocking order so that they may be assailed in a writ petition under Article 226 of the Constitution."

Not communicating the reasons for blocking may lead to a possibility of the creation of reasons at a later stage by the authorities concerned when blocking orders are challenged before the courts, Mr. Haranahalli argued.

Permitted to withdraw

The court "reluctantly permitted" Aakar Patel, Chair of Amnesty International India, to withdraw his application seeking the court's permission to be part of Twitter's petition against blocking orders.

TAMIL NADU TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD.
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (E-TENDERING PROCESS)

SL.NO.	TENDER INVITING AUTHORITY	SPECIFICATION No.	TOTAL
1	CE/C/Transmission	T.48	1

For details of works/Procurement/Due date of submission/opening,viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit website, **www.tantransco.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app,**

"சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம் சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்" DIPR/4797/TENDER/2022

SBI
Internal Audit Department, Corporate Centre, Hyderabad-500019.
EMPANELMENT OF RETIRED OFFICERS IN SCALE III / SCALE IV & SCALE V AS CONCURRENT AUDITORS
Applications are invited from eligible Retired Officers from State Bank of India in Scale III, Scale IV & Scale V for empanelment as Concurrent Auditors. Proforma for application, eligibility criteria and other details are available under **"Personal Banking"** on Bank's website **www.sbi.co.in**
Note: The existing wait list of Retired Officers empanelled as Concurrent Auditors will get cancelled with this publication.
Place: Hyderabad Sd/-
Date: 28.10.2022 Dy. General Manager (HR, Admin. & Operations)

Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation
Central Offices, Mechanical Engg., Dept., K.H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560027. Tele No: 080-22537519
Tender No.: BMTC/CO/ME/09/2022-23 Date: 28.10.2022
Notice Inviting Tender (Through e-Procurement mode only)
(1) BMTC invites Tender through E-Procurement Portal for supply of 840 Nos diesel fuelled BS-VI fully built city type buses.
(2) Last Date for Bid Submission in e-procurement portal on **26.11.2022, 17:30 Hours.**
Further, any addendum/corrigendum in respect of changes in calendar of events, scope, other tender terms & conditions etc., will be uploaded/ Published through e-portal only.
NOTE: Interested Bidders need to register in the GoK e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for details. In case of further assistance, the bidders may contact e-procurement Help Desk for support Ph: 080-22230960 & 080-22234115 or email at **eprocurementhelpdesk@gmail.com** Interested suppliers may also contact e-procurement cell for training on bid submission. E-mail to **eprocurementhelpdesk@gmail.com** for further information if required.
Sd/-
CHIEF MECHANICAL ENGINEER

BANGALORE URBAN ZILLA PANCHAYATH
Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, First Floor, Zilla Panchayat Building, S. Kariyappa Road, Banashankari, Bengaluru - 560070.
No: EE/PRED/BNG(U)/TND/AE-2/28/2022-23 Dated: 25-10-2022
E-PROCUREMENT
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
Tenders are invited through e-Procurement by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.D. Bangalore Urban, For Viveka Yojane/2022-23 Grants Works. The work details can be obtained from the e-Procurement Website. The Tender Documents can be obtained and submitted **on or before 03-11-2022 upto 4.00 PM.** Further details can be obtained from Website at **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact this office during office working hours.
DIPR/CP/2794/ Adverto/2022-23
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division,
Bangalore Urban Dist, Bengaluru.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public are hereby informed that my client is intended to purchase the immovable property described in the Schedule below from **(1) Govindappa**, S/o Late Vemanna, **(2) H.R. Srinivas**, S/o Late Ramaiah, (hereinafter referred to as Owners for the sake of brevity) and the said Owners have represented my client that they have acquired the Schedule Property from Sri. N. Pavan Kumar, S/o Sri. N. Venkataiah, under a Sale Deed dated 20.06.2018, and further represented that they are in peaceful, vacant, lawful, uninterrupted possession and enjoyment over the Schedule Property as JOINT OWNERS free from all claims, encumbrance/s and litigation/s etc.,
Any person / institution having any right, title, claim or interest of any nature in the Schedule Property or any objections of any manner whatsoever to the above sale transaction between my client and from (1) Govindappa, S/o Late Vemanna, (2) H.R. Srinivas, S/o Late Ramaiah, is hereby called upon to notify the undersigned and file objections/claims along-with supporting documents within **7 (SEVEN) days** from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. If no such claim is received, it would be deemed that the above mentioned owners have clear and marketable title to the property specified below and that others do not have any claim over the same and / or claims if any will be deemed to have been waived. Any claims raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding on my client.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
ALL THAT PIECE and PARCEL of the entire Immovable Property being Residential House bearing Site No.30, in Block-III, formed in converted Sy.No.280, (duly converted by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, in his Order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)147/2003-04, dated 25.08.2003), House List No.1183, Old V.P.Katha No.593, New BBMP Katha No.1936/593/1183/30/1, presently comes under BBMP limits, situated at 'VISHWAPRIYA LAYOUT' Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, In all measuring: 1061 SQUARE FEET, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: **East by:** Road, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Private Property, **South by:** Site No.29 and 31 the sites belongs to V.Gopala Reddy.
Along-with existing Old Residential Building with structures standing thereon comprised of Ground Floor measuring 500 Square feet of built-up-area approximately and First Floor measuring 1000 Square feet of built up area, Second Floor measuring 1000 Square feet of built up area and Third Floor measuring 1000 Square feet of built up area approximately with R.C.C Roof, Vitrified Flooring, Jungle Wood doors and windows, with furniture/s, fittings and fixtures including civic amenities i.e., water, electricity and sanitary connections along-with sump with electric motor, overhead water tank, staircase etc.
P. MANJUNATH, ADVOCATE
HM LEGAL, Office at No.24/10, 1st Floor, Haudin Road, Ulsoor, Bengaluru-560042, Mobile: 9945036969 (Timings: 11.00 AM to 08.00 P.M).

Bhubaneswar Development Authority
Akash Shova Building, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Marg, Bhubaneswar - 751001, Odisha
Notice No: 36330 / BDA OE-III-118/2022 Date : 26/10/2022
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR SELECTION OF AN EVENT MANAGEMENT AGENCY (EMA) FOR CONCEPTUALISING, CURATING & EXECUTING THE BHUBANESWAR CITY FESTIVAL
Bhubaneswar Development Authority (BDA) invites Proposal for **selection of an Event Management Agency (EMA) for Conceptualizing, Curating & Executing the Bhubaneswar City Festival**. The RFP Documents will be available from **26/10/2022 to 17/11/2022** in BDA website i.e. **bda.gov.in**. Any further intimation (i.e. Corrigendum/ Addendum/ Responses to the queries/ Clarifications) shall be uploaded in BDA website only).
The Pre-bid meeting is scheduled on **04/11/2022 at 04.00 P.M**. in the Conference Hall, of BDA Office.The Last date for receipt of proposals is **17/11/2022 by 3.00 P.M**. and the same would be opened on **17/11/2022 at 4.00 P.M**. Please refer the RFP documents for further details.
BDA reserves the right to accept or reject bid process without assigning any reasons thereof.
Secretary, BDA, Bhubaneswar
CAD-2275 : OIPR-13033/11/0308/2223

Ref.No: SO/V/2022-23/65/550 Date: 21.10.2022
Startup Odisha
(2nd Floor, Tower-A, Odisha Startup Incubation Centre (O-Hub), Special Economic Zone, Infocity, Patia, Bhubaneswar-751024)
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Sealed proposals are invited from reputed firms for **"Selection of an agency for Public Relations for Startup Odisha"**. The details of the tender / RFP documents and other details can be downloaded from **www.startupodisha.gov.in** w.e.f. **22.10.2022**. Important dates are as follows:

Date of Commencement of RFP	Date & time of Pre-bid meeting	Last Date & Time for Submission of Proposal	Date and time for Technical Presentation	Date for Financial Bid Opening (Tentative)
22.10.2022	01.11.2022 3.30 PM	15.11.2022 11 AM	15.11.2022 1 PM	15.11.2022 5 PM

The last date of receipt of proposal is **15.11.2022, 11 AM,** which will be opened on the same day. All the Prospective Bidders are also advised to kindly keep referring Startup Odisha website **www.startupodisha.gov.in** for any updates in referene to the RFP/Tender.
(Evangelist, STARTUP ODISHA)
CAD-2274 OIPR - 43007/11/0016/2223

आज़ादी का अमृत महोत्सव
सी पी सी एल CPCL
Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited
(A Government of India Enterprise and Group Company of IndianOil)
Regd. Office: 536, Anna Salai, Teynampet, Chennai - 600 018
Website: www.cpcl.co.in; Email id: shankarp@cpcl.co.in
Tel: 044-24349833 / 24346807
CIN - L40101TN1965GOI005389
EXTRACT OF THE STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022
(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Particulars	STANDALONE						CONSOLIDATED					
		Three Months Ended			Six Months Ended		Year Ended	Three Months Ended			Six Months Ended		Year Ended
		30.09.2022	30.06.2022	30.09.2021	30.09.2022	30.09.2021	31.03.2022	30.09.2022	30.06.2022	30.09.2021	30.09.2022	30.09.2021	31.03.2022
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1.	Total income from operations	22894.37	27449.52	13088.07	50343.89	25885.46	60474.29	22894.37	27449.52	13088.07	50343.89	25885.46	60474.29
	Other Income	11.93	3.94	7.98	15.87	9.76	23.66	4.00	3.94	2.06	7.94	3.84	17.74
	Total Income	**22906.30**	**27453.46**	**13096.05**	**50359.76**	**25895.22**	**60497.95**	**22898.37**	**27453.46**	**13090.13**	**50351.83**	**25889.30**	**60492.03**
	Total Expenditure	22870.80	24254.16	13006.58	47124.96	25731.90	58666.31	22870.74	24254.20	13006.66	47124.94	25732.00	58666.37
2.	**Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)**	**35.50**	**3199.30**	**89.47**	**3234.80**	**163.32**	**1831.64**	**24.55**	**3198.13**	**85.07**	**3222.68**	**161.84**	**1841.25**
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	35.50	3199.30	89.47	3234.80	163.32	1831.64	24.55	3198.13	85.07	3222.68	161.84	1841.25
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	27.88	2358.79	65.45	2386.67	119.18	1342.42	16.93	2357.62	61.05	2374.55	117.70	1352.03
5.	**Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]**	**27.88**	**2358.79**	**65.45**	**2386.67**	**119.18**	**1365.66**	**16.93**	**2357.62**	**61.05**	**2374.55**	**117.70**	**1375.53**
6.	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value - ₹ 10 each)	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)				4748.18	1144.80	2391.28				4932.57	1329.95	2587.78
8.	Securities Premium Account				250.04	250.04	250.04				250.04	250.04	250.04
9.	Networth				5147.13	1543.75	2790.23				5331.52	1728.90	2986.73
10.	Paid up Debt Captial / Outstanding Debt (Bonds / Debentures) excluding Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares				2730.00	2730.00	2730.00				2730.00	2730.00	2730.00
11.	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares (50,00,00,000 {2020:50,00,00,000}Non-Convertible Cumulative Redeemable Preference Shares of ₹ 10 each) (Not listed)				500.00	500.00	500.00				500.00	500.00	500.00
12.	Debt Equity Ratio				1.45	7.14	3.31				1.40	6.38	3.09
13.	Earnings Per Share (of ₹. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)												
	(i) Basic (₹ / share)	1.87	158.40	4.40	160.27	8.00	90.15	1.14	158.32	4.10	159.46	7.90	90.80
	(ii) Diluted (₹ / share)	1.87	158.40	4.40	160.27	8.00	90.15	1.14	158.32	4.10	159.46	7.90	90.80
14.	Capital Redemption Reserve				1000.00	600.00	700.00				1000.00	600.00	700.00
15.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio				6.40	0.75	2.59				6.37	0.75	2.60
16.	Interest Service Coverage Ratio				26.50	2.98	6.66				26.41	297.00	6.69

Note:
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Half-Yearly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites: www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com. The same is also available on the company's website www.cpcl.co.in

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Rajeev Ailawadi
Director (Finance)
DIN: 07826722

Place : Chennai
Date : October 25, 2022

Limits of pleasure

Governor Khan should not conflate role as Chancellor with constitutional duties

Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan has declared that he is withdrawing his pleasure as far as Finance Minister K.N. Balagopal is concerned. He expects constitutionally appropriate action by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. In other words, Mr. Khan wants Mr. Balagopal dismissed for remarks that he sees as seditious, undermining national unity and stoking regionalism. However, Mr. Vijayan has rejected the demand. It is difficult to agree with the Governor's assessment that an observation that those who had seen only universities in Uttar Pradesh would not understand universities in Kerala is seditious or goes against national unity. In normal circumstances, when the Governor conveys his displeasure with a Minister's conduct, it will have considerable persuasive value. However, in the backdrop of the unrelenting acrimony between Raj Bhavan and the Cabinet, it may have not evoked any serious response. Needless to say, the polite phrase in the Constitution that applies the doctrine of pleasure to a Minister's tenure is nothing more than a reference to the will of the Chief Minister on the continuance or dismissal of a member of his ministerial Council.

This constitutional position, however, does not mean that the underlying controversy over the appointment of V-Cs to universities in Kerala can be brushed aside. After the Supreme Court set aside the appointment made in the A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Technological University, Thiruvananthapuram, Mr. Khan directed nine other V-Cs to resign, flagging what he felt were similar legal infirmities in their appointment. His point was that just as it was in the case before the apex court, these V-Cs too were either appointed by the submission of a single name by Search Committees (instead of a panel of three to five names, as required under UGC regulations), or were chosen by committees that included the State's Chief Secretary. The Governor/Chancellor was obviously wrong in fixing a short deadline for their resignation, and he subsequently converted the communication into show-cause notices to them, asking them to explain why their appointments should not be deemed illegal. It is a separate legal question whether the judgment in the case of one V-C is automatically applicable to all others. However, given its potential for litigation, the sooner the university statutes in Kerala are brought in line with the UGC regulations, the better. However, there is no doubt that Governor-Chancellors should not conflate their statutory powers to handle university matters with their constitutional role in Raj Bhavan. The tussle makes a good case for why Governors, whose overtly political functioning is an uneasy fact of political life, should not be tasked with being Chancellors.

Going green

T.N.'s conservation, climate change announcements are avante-garde

Ensuring sustainable development requires more than good intentions and verbal commitments. And yet, commitment is that crucial first step. Tamil Nadu has struck out clearly for a future that would be climate conscious, greener, with a series of announcements this year – in the form of government orders and via the Budget. Apart from getting the Ramsar Site declaration for a record number of ecological zones as a well-planned and implemented initiative, it has also declared its intention to create green parks in 100 villages, that would cater to local requirements too. Also proposed are an elephant reserve at Agasthiyarmalai in the south, a dugong conservation park in the Palk Bay, a new bird sanctuary at Tiruppur, and establishing India's first-ever wildlife sanctuary for the slender loris in Dindigul and Karur district. While these and similar incremental efforts made possible with political will, if implemented well, will lend themselves to a visibly greener landscape, the bolder initiatives have been conceptualised within the challenging field of climate change, where conviction is the driver. The recently appointed governing council on Climate Change, which has experts including Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Nandan Nilekani and Erik Solheim, for instance, is an example of good intent followed by a solid tool to aid implementation. It will provide policy directives to the Climate Change Mission, advise on climate adaptation and mitigation activities, provide guidance to the State Action Plan on Climate Change and provide strategies for implementation. The setting up of a Green Climate Fund corpus is a further indication of commitment. Additionally, a special purpose vehicle, Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company, has been set up to advise on managing three important missions – Climate Change, Tamil Nadu Green and Wetlands.

But pursuing climate change has not been easy, not now, not ever. As per UN data, only 26 of 193 countries that agreed to enhance climate change action last year have followed up with concrete plans. For, indeed, the challenges are daunting. Environmental evangelism will have to drive these projects, so that the passion, urgency and seriousness that the parent institution (Environment and Climate Change department), brings to the table are absorbed by other departments. All modern states are beset by challenges in the sectors of energy transition, mobility transition and agricultural transition. It is crucial to build capacity capable of fashioning local solutions, and ensure that the announcements are all implemented, in a time-bound manner.

The old but relevant script of the Cuban Missile crisis

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"Tell me how it ends," is the common refrain of generals and leaders when in the middle of a war. The Ukraine war is no exception. Neither President Volodymyr Zelensky or his western partners, nor his Russian adversary, President Vladimir Putin, can predict how the war will end.

Earlier assumptions have been upended – Russia's short 'special military operation' to 'de-Nazify and de-militarise' Ukraine is already a nine-month-war, and likely to extend into 2023; trans-Atlantic North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) unity under U.S. leadership despite visible internal differences has not collapsed; Mr. Zelensky's emergence as a wartime leader is surprising; and, poor Russian military planning and performance, a shock. For the present, Russia is too strong to lose and Ukraine, despite NATO support, too weak to win; so, the war grinds on with no ceasefire in sight.

Yet, there is one outcome that must be prevented – a breakdown of nuclear deterrence. Nuclear weapons have not been used since 1945 and a global conscience has sustained the nuclear taboo for over 75 years. None of the three principals in Ukraine would want the taboo breached. However, escalation creates its own dynamic.

Lessons from Cuba

It is time to revisit the sobering lessons of the Cuban Missile crisis (October 1962) that brought the world to the edge of nuclear Armageddon, as the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. engaged in an eyeball-to-eyeball confrontation. On October 16, 1962, U.S. President John F. Kennedy was informed that the U.S.S.R. was preparing to deploy medium and intermediate range nuclear missiles in Cuba. After deliberating with his core group of advisers, he rejected the idea of an invasion or a nuclear strike against Moscow, and on October 22, declared a naval 'quarantine' of Cuba. Simultaneously, he authorised his brother Robert Kennedy to open a back-channel with Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin.

The crisis defused on October 28; based on assurances conveyed through the back-channel, Soviet Premier Nikita Khruschev announced that Soviet nuclear missiles and aircraft would be withdrawn in view of U.S. assurances to respect Cuba's territorial integrity and sovereignty. What was kept a secret by both leaders was the fact that reciprocally, the U.S. also agreed to withdraw the Jupiter nuclear missiles from Turkey.

Yet, there were plenty of unforeseen events. On October 27, a U.S. surveillance flight strayed over Cuban airspace and was targeted by Soviet air defence forces. Major Rudolf Anderson was shot down, the only casualty. This happened despite Kennedy having counselled desisting from provocative surveillance and Khrushchev not having authorised the engagement. Both sides kept the news under wraps till the crisis defused when Major Anderson's sacrifice was recognised and honoured.

> With the risks for escalation and miscalculations growing in the Ukraine war, it is time to revisit the sobering lessons of 1962

A day earlier, a Soviet nuclear armed submarine B-59 found itself trapped by U.S. depth charges, off Cuban waters. The U.S. was unaware that the submarine was nuclear armed and Captain Valentin Savitsky did not know that a quarantine was in operation. He decided to go down fighting but his decision to launch a nuclear bomb was vetoed by Capt. Vasily Arkhipov. The Soviets followed a two-person-authorisation-rule and unknown to Kennedy and Khrushchev, a potential Armageddon was averted.

The most shocking revelation emerged decades later when the U.S. learnt that unbeknownst to them, over 150 warheads for the FKR-1 Meteor missile, short range FROG missile, and gravity bombs were already present in in Cuba. These were intended for defence in case the U.S. launched a repeat of the 1961 failed Bay of Pigs invasion. Despite Cuban leader Fidel Castro's opposition, Premier Khrushchev insisted on withdrawing these too, conscious that these could provide the spark for a future escalation.

The key lesson learnt was that the two nuclear superpowers should steer clear of any direct confrontation even as their rivalry played out in other regions, thereby keeping it below the nuclear threshold. Deterrence theorists called it 'the stability-instability-paradox'. With their assured-second-strike-capability guaranteeing mutually-assured-destruction, both the U.S. and the U.S.S.R were obliged to limit the instability to proxy wars. Nuclear war games over decades remained unable to address the challenge of keeping a nuclear war limited once a nuclear weapon was introduced in battle.

Russia's nuclear signalling

The Ukraine war is testing the old lessons of nuclear deterrence. Russia sees itself at war, not with non-nuclear Ukraine, but with a nuclear armed NATO. Mr. Putin has therefore engaged in repeated nuclear signalling – from being personally present in mid-February at large-scale exercises involving 'strategic forces', to placing nuclear forces on 'special combat alert' on February 27.

He raised the stakes again on September 21 when he ordered a 'partial mobilisation', announced referendums in the four regions of Luhansk, Donetsk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia, accused the West of engaging in nuclear blackmail and warned that Russia has 'more modern weapons' and 'will certainly make use of all weapon systems available; this is not a bluff'. He cited U.S. bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 as a precedent.

In recent days, Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu has spoken to his counterparts in a number of countries including Defence Minister Rajnath Singh that Ukraine may be preparing to use a 'dirty bomb'. India's response was that any use of such weapons would be against "the basic tenets of humanity".

However, Russian nuclear use makes little operational sense. In 1945, Japan was on the verge of surrender and only the U.S. possessed nuclear weapons. Use of a tactical nuclear weapon will only strengthen Ukrainian national resolve; NATO response is unlikely to be nuclear but will be sharp. International political backlash would be significant and Mr. Putin may find himself increasingly isolated. Many countries in East and Central Asia could reconsider nuclear weapons as a security necessity.

Role for global diplomacy

During the next few weeks, the fighting in Ukraine will intensify, before winter sets in and the weather freezes military operations till spring. This raises the risks for escalation and miscalculations. Right now, the goal of a ceasefire seems too distant, though eminently desirable. The United Nations appears paralysed given the involvement of permanent members of the Security Council. Therefore, it is for other global leaders who have access and influence, to convince Mr. Putin that nuclear escalation would be a disastrous move.

Indonesia is the G-20 chair and President Joko Widodo will be hosting the summit meeting next month. India is the incoming chair; Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be attending the summit. Both Indonesia and India have refrained from condemning Russia, keeping communication channels open. In a bilateral meeting with Mr. Putin in Samarkand last month, Mr. Modi emphasised that "now is not the era of war". In the run-up to the G-20 summit, Mr. Widodo and Mr. Modi are well placed to take a diplomatic initiative to persuade Mr. Putin to step away from the nuclear rhetoric. This means emphasising the deterrent role of nuclear weapons and not expanding it; to reiterating Russia's official declaratory position that restricts nuclear use for "an existential threat".

Such a statement would help reduce growing fears of escalation and may also provide a channel for communication and open the door for a dialogue that can lead to a ceasefire. The lessons of the Cuban Missile crisis remain valid 60 years later.

The dismal case of slashing schemes and cutting funds

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Over the past three years, over 50% of existing central government-sponsored schemes have been discontinued, subsumed, revamped or rationalised into other schemes. The impact has been varied across Ministries. For example, for the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development, there are just three schemes now out of 19 schemes, i.e., Mission Shakti, Mission Vatsalya, Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0. Mission Shakti itself replaced 14 schemes which included the 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' scheme.

In the case of the Ministry of Animal Husbandry and Dairy, just two schemes remain out of 12. Additionally, the Ministry has ended three schemes which include Dairying through Cooperatives, National Dairy Plan-II, etc. For the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, there are now three out of 20 (Krishonnati Yojana, Integrated Scheme on Agricultural Cooperatives and the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana), while there is little information on the National Project on Organic Farming or the National Agroforestry Policy. There may be some who believe that a reduction in government schemes is a notable achievement. But does this lead to better governance, through less government? Are we reducing the state to the bare bones?

For schemes that exist, there are challenges such as funding cuts, disbursement and utilisation of funds. As of June 2022, ₹1.2 lakh crore of funds meant for central government-sponsored schemes are with banks which earn interest income for the Centre.

The Nirbhaya fund (2013) with its focus on funding projects to improve the public safety of women in public spaces and encourage their participation in economic and social activities is an interesting case; ₹1,000 crore was allocated to the fund annually (2013-16), and remained largely unspent. As of FY21-22, approximately ₹6,214 crore was allocated to the fund since its launch, but only ₹4,138 crore was disbursed. Of this, just ₹2,922 crore was utilised; ₹660 crore was disbursed to the Ministry of Women and Child Development, but only ₹181 crore was utilised as of July 2021. Yet, a variety of women-focused development schemes across States are being turned down or ended. Meanwhile, women continue to face significant risks while in public spaces.

> Rather than downsizing government schemes and cutting their funding, the aim should be towards ensuring better public service delivery

Farmers have not been spared either with fertilizer subsidies having been in decline over the last few years; actual government spending on fertilizers in FY20-21 reached ₹1,27,921 crore. In the FY21-22 Budget, the allocation was ₹79,529 crore (later revised to ₹1,40,122 crore amidst the COVID-19 pandemic). In the FY22-23 Budget, the allocation was ₹1,05,222 crore. Allocation for NPK fertilizers (nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium) was 35% lower than revised estimates in FY21-22. Such budgetary cuts, when fertilizer prices have risen sharply after the Ukraine war, have led to fertilizer shortages and farmer anguish. How will we incentivise farmers to continue agricultural operations?

Employment programmes

It is the same story with the rural poor. The allocation for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) went down by approximately 25% in the FY22-23 Budget earlier this year, with the allocated budget at ₹73,000 crore when compared to the FY21-22 revised estimates of ₹98,000 crore. The Economic Survey 2022-23 has highlighted that demand for the scheme was higher than pre-pandemic levels as rural distress continues. Anecdotal cases show that actual funding disbursal for MGNREGA has often been delayed, leading to a decline in confidence in the scheme. The Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (June 2020, for a period of 125 days) sought to provide immediate employment and livelihood opportunities to the rural poor; approximately 50.78 crore person days of employment were provided at an expenditure of approximately ₹39,293 crore (against an announced budget of ₹50,000 crore, Ministry for Rural Development). One must also note that the scheme subsumed 15 other schemes. With between 60 million to 100 million migrant workers who seek informal jobs, such a scheme should have been expanded.

In health care too

Now to health-care workers. For Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA), who are the first responders, there have been delays in salaries for up to six months. Regularisation of their jobs continues to be a struggle, with wages and honorariums stuck at minimum levels.

There is one more example. Biodiversity has also been ignored. Funding for wildlife habitat development under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has declined: from ₹165 crore (FY18-19), to ₹124.5 crore (FY19-20), to ₹87.6 crore (FY20-21). Allocations for Project Tiger have been slashed – ₹323 crore (FY18-19) to ₹194.5 crore (FY20-21). A pertinent question is about meeting climate change obligations in the face of funding cuts.

Rather than downsizing government schemes and cutting funding, one should right size the government. After the Goods and Services Tax reform, the Centre-State relationship has been transformed, with fiscal firepower skewed towards the Centre. Our public services require more doctors, teachers, engineers and fewer data entry clerks. We need to build capacity for an efficient civil service to meet today's challenges, i.e., providing a corruption-free welfare system, running a modern economy and providing better public goods. Rather than having a target of fewer government schemes, we should raise our aspirations towards better public service delivery.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Governor's displeasure

The strained relations between the two constitutional entities, the Chief Minister and the State Governor, in Kerala, does not augur well in the overall realm of responsive governance. There is an imperative need to set right the position in the context of constitutional propriety available to them.

Incidentally, with education being the State subject *per se*, it would be prudent for Governors to leave the administration of the educational institutions to States. It is also baffling that skirmishes between the Governor and the Chief Minister have become a common phenomenon of late in the Opposition-ruled States. As such there should be threadbare-debate on the entire gamut of gubernatorial powers and postings even. It is suggested to consider the posting of persons with exceptional academic credentials as Governors.

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Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

Kharge in the saddle

The new Congress president Mallikarjuna Kharge appears to have rubbished speculation that he would be a lameduck president. What really matters, however, is whether Mr. Kharge can deliver the goods and resurrect the party's fortunes.

C.V. Aravind,
Bengaluru

One must praise Shashi Tharoor, who despite being aware that he was the underdog, still persevered. One only hopes that Mr. Kharge is given a free hand to run the grand old party.

P. Bharath Varun,
Melapalayam, Tamil Nadu

Images on notes

Our politicians are a strange lot. We need to keep our gods and their images inviolate and not draw them down to earthly matters such as currency. There is also the condition of our currency notes. Imagine Ganesha and Lakshmi images on them creased, folded, torn and stained? Do our gods deserve this from those who claim to be their believers?

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Alto Santa Cruz, Goa

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Should governments sell liquor and run lotteries?

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Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan recently criticised the State government for relying heavily on liquor and lottery to generate revenue. He said the State government was making poor people spend their earnings on lottery tickets and getting them addicted to alcohol. Should governments sell liquor and run lotteries? Nimai Mehta and Jayan Jose Thomas discuss the question in a conversation moderated by **Prashanth Perumal J**. Edited excerpts:

Should the government sell sin goods?

Nimai Mehta: I don't believe the government should be in sin business or in any business. But there are specific reasons why the government should not be involved in providing goods like alcohol. First, the role of the state is to provide public goods. The consumption of sin goods is instead linked with 'public bad'. The negative effects of these sin goods disproportionately impact the weaker sections of society.

Second, the role of the state needs to be considered not just from the supply side, but from the demand side as well, because the rising demand for alcohol is a public health concern. The Indian state, at least since Independence, has regulated all aspects of alcohol on the supply side. Despite that, there is a rapidly growing demand for alcohol. This needs to be brought into the picture when you want to assess the proper role of the state.

Finally, historically, the state's involvement in sin goods has been motivated by the desire to raise revenue. So, we've got this problem where the revenue-maximising objective takes precedence over public interest. Many States are heavily dependent on alcohol-based revenues. It's not a healthy position for any state to be so dependent on a single commodity.

Jayan Jose Thomas: I have a slightly different view. The state can play a positive role in regulating the sale and consumption of sin goods. An important instrument is taxes. Studies have shown that raising the tax rates on, and thereby the prices of, sin goods will discourage people from consuming them, at least in the long run. At the same time, the taxes collected form a significant source of financial resources for the state, which can be used for development programmes. So, some argue that such sin taxes create a win-win situation.

Taxes on the sale of alcohol do form a considerable part of the revenues in several States. But this situation must be viewed against the larger context of Centre-State financial resources and responsibilities. In 2019-20, own tax revenues, collected by the States, accounted for only 43.5% of the total revenues of all States and Union Territories combined. State governments are heavily dependent on the financial devolutions from the Centre. At the same time, they have a greater responsibility for expenditure on social sectors. With the introduction of GST, there are only a limited number of goods and services – mainly alcohol and petroleum products – on which the State governments can independently set tax rates. So, if State finances are increasingly dependent on taxes from alcohol, it has mainly to do with the limited autonomy that the States enjoy in raising financial resources.

People wait in queue to buy liquor from an outlet in Thiruvananthapuram. PTI

Can government monopoly in liquor and lottery lead to adverse consequences in terms of the product's quality and price?

NM: There is a lot of variation in the structure of state control over the alcohol industry in India. There are forms of direct and indirect control. These vary across States and from vary year to year, especially in the way excise and license fees are being set. But, yes, in principle, when you have a monopoly and the intention is to restrict supply, you should expect an increase in prices. You should also expect to see new entrants in the market, who could compete on quality, being discouraged. In the U.S., some 15 out of the 50 States have some form of direct control in the supply of spirits. If you look at the price of alcohol in those States, it is higher than in States with no controls. In States where the liquor trade was privatised, prices have come down, but they have not come down by much because price also depends on other factors such as indirect controls (for example, licensing policies and taxes) and/or consumer demand.

Does government intervention increase the risk of capture of sin goods industries by special interest groups? For instance, some have argued that special interest groups in India have discouraged the consumption of low-alcohol beverages like toddy.

NM: Among economists, there is a consensus that public goods such as health ought to be a primary concern of the state. But when it comes to practice, we should be taking into account the role of special interest groups. Legislators, politicians, bureaucrats, regulators, experts in the enforcement side... each of them has their own interests. Once we recognise that these special interest groups exist, the net effect is uncertain. Like in the case of toddy, you could have special interest groups coming together in a way that goes against true public interest. In the U.S., the FDA (Federal Drug Administration) decided to ban the sale of e-cigarettes by Juul, a multinational company. Many in the scientific community recognise that as a regressive step because vaping is less harmful than smoking tobacco. In this case, there was a mix of internal interests (in the form of the preferences of FDA regulators) and external interests (in the form of the interests of advocacy groups which were against e-cigarettes).

> Taxing these goods alone will not help us win this fight. There have to be public education programmes to wean people away from, and thereby reduce the demand for, sin goods.
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> JAYAN JOSE THOMAS

JJT: I agree that the concerns of all stakeholders must be looked into while formulating policy interventions to restrict the consumption of sin goods. Consider, for instance, the tobacco industry. In 2017-18, it provided employment to 3.4 million Indians, 3 million of whom were women. Measures to limit the consumption of tobacco should go hand in hand with steps for providing alternative livelihood opportunities for those engaged in tobacco farming and processing.

What is the specific impact of governments selling sin goods on the poor compared to other classes?

JJT: There are limitations to using taxes or high prices as the only instrument to restrict the consumption of sin goods. If a person addicted to alcohol is unable to let go of that habit despite high prices, his household will suffer. So, it is important to deploy other instruments too, such as public campaigns against the abuse of intoxicants. In any case, there is some reason for cheer. The proportion of men who drink alcohol in India decreased from 29% in 2015-16 to 22% in 2019-21 (NFHS data).

NM: If you go back in time, you can see how the Temperance movement that began in the 1880s later transformed itself and fuelled the Independence movement. The concern has always been about drinking habits and the impact they have had on the vulnerable sections in society. During the Temperance movement, it was the lower castes and tribes that ended up joining the movement in large numbers. All those movements were directed against the role of the British Imperial state in encouraging the sale of alcohol. So, the poor have always had to bear a disproportionate burden of alcohol consumption. Now fast forward to 2016, when Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar introduced a draconian prohibition law. He too was responding to the poor housewives in Bihar who had suffered as a result of excessive drinking by their husbands. India still has a large share of abstainers, but the drinking habits among the poor stand out. The poor tend to drink liquor that has higher alcohol content relative to upper- and middle-class individuals.

Sin taxes can discourage consumption, but there is a regressive effect on the poor. This is because such taxes don't work directly through a price effect, but rather through an income effect on the poor. So, while the middle and upper-middle classes may continue to consume their favourite alcohol, the poor may tend to switch to the consumption of illicit, lower quality alcohol that is cheaper but dangerous to health. Also, over the last two decades, there is a rise in demand for alcohol, as preferences are shifting. So, irrespective of what the sin tax is, if the demand itself is shifting outwards, there is a limit to which we can control demand simply through sin taxes. So, we need to take lessons from the Temperance movement.

Is the real problem then that alcohol consumption is becoming more socially acceptable?

NM: Yes. The increase in consumption is on the part of women, and the middle and upper-middle classes. A rising aspirational demand is fuelling the rise in alcohol consumption. Also, norms of abstinence have been falling. Cultural and religious norms are no longer as effective as they may have been earlier. We have to rethink how this rising demand can be influenced by some form of intervention on the demand side by the state, but also in terms of individuals taking more responsibility for the social impact of their drinking.

JJT: The fight against alcohol abuse, gambling, and so on must be long-term and multi-pronged. Taxing these goods alone will not help us win this fight. There have to be public education programmes to wean people away from, and thereby reduce the demand for, sin goods.

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NOTEBOOK

A bag full of pythons, a wig lined with gold

Press releases can often be dry, but sometimes they contain bizarre stories of smuggling at airports

Sunitha Sekar

For reporters, receiving press releases is part of the daily grind. I get press releases from Chennai Customs at least twice or thrice a week, sometime in the evening. Having been in the profession for 10 years, I know what to expect now. Often, it is about how a passenger got caught at the airport with gold inside his rectum.

I have read hundreds of press releases about passengers being held by Customs officials for hiding gold in their rectum. Some years ago, I asked a Customs officer how the department detects this. He laughed and said, "Only through intelligence. Officers send us inputs. If we check 40-50 passengers a day, we find one or two." This got me thinking: why is concealing gold in the rectum still the preferred mode of smuggling if so many people are caught by the authorities?

Several animals also make their way into the Chennai airport. Two years ago, I was shocked to see pictures and a video of a leopard cub being lifted out of a pink plastic basket. Officials were trying to feed the cub, which was just a month old. A passenger had hidden the cub in his check-in baggage. I shuddered thinking of the torture that the poor animal had been through and the fright it could have caused mid-air if it had managed to wriggle out. From time to time, passengers have been caught trying to sneak in monkeys, reptiles, rodents, and so on.

How do officials get hold of those transporting such animals? An official told me that they look at the passport of the passenger, the place of departure, history, and check if the traveller has any cases against him. "Then, the baggage examination gives them away," he said. "Once, when we scanned the baggage of a passenger, we spotted a doll-like figure. We were suspicious and sent it back for scanning. This time, the position of the 'doll' changed. That's when we opened it to find monkeys."

Another time, an official recounted how he and his colleagues put their hands inside a passenger's baggage to examine its contents. The passenger, who had come from Bangkok, stopped them and admitted that his bag contained ball pythons. The officials recoiled in horror. "We were relieved that he decided to tell us about it at least at that point," the official grinned. After reporting on such cases, I admit I have often felt nervous on flights wondering if passengers around me are carrying snakes or monkeys.

There have also been several cases of gold being seized. Some instances seem straight out of a film. Passengers hide gold in rods, MP3 players, skateboards, table fans, the transformers of fan heaters and toy cars, the motors of car wash pumps and portable juicers, trimmers, watches, hair dryers, cassette players, footwear, emergency LED lights, and keyboards, to name a few appliances. But there is one case that I will never forget. A passenger, who had neatly lined his wig with gold, got caught as the authorities found his hairstyle suspicious.

Given these bizarre seizures, you would imagine a Customs officer's job to be exciting. I told an official this once. He replied dryly: "Well, it is interesting. But I would also ask you to put yourself in our shoes and imagine finding snakes and leopard cubs inside baggage."

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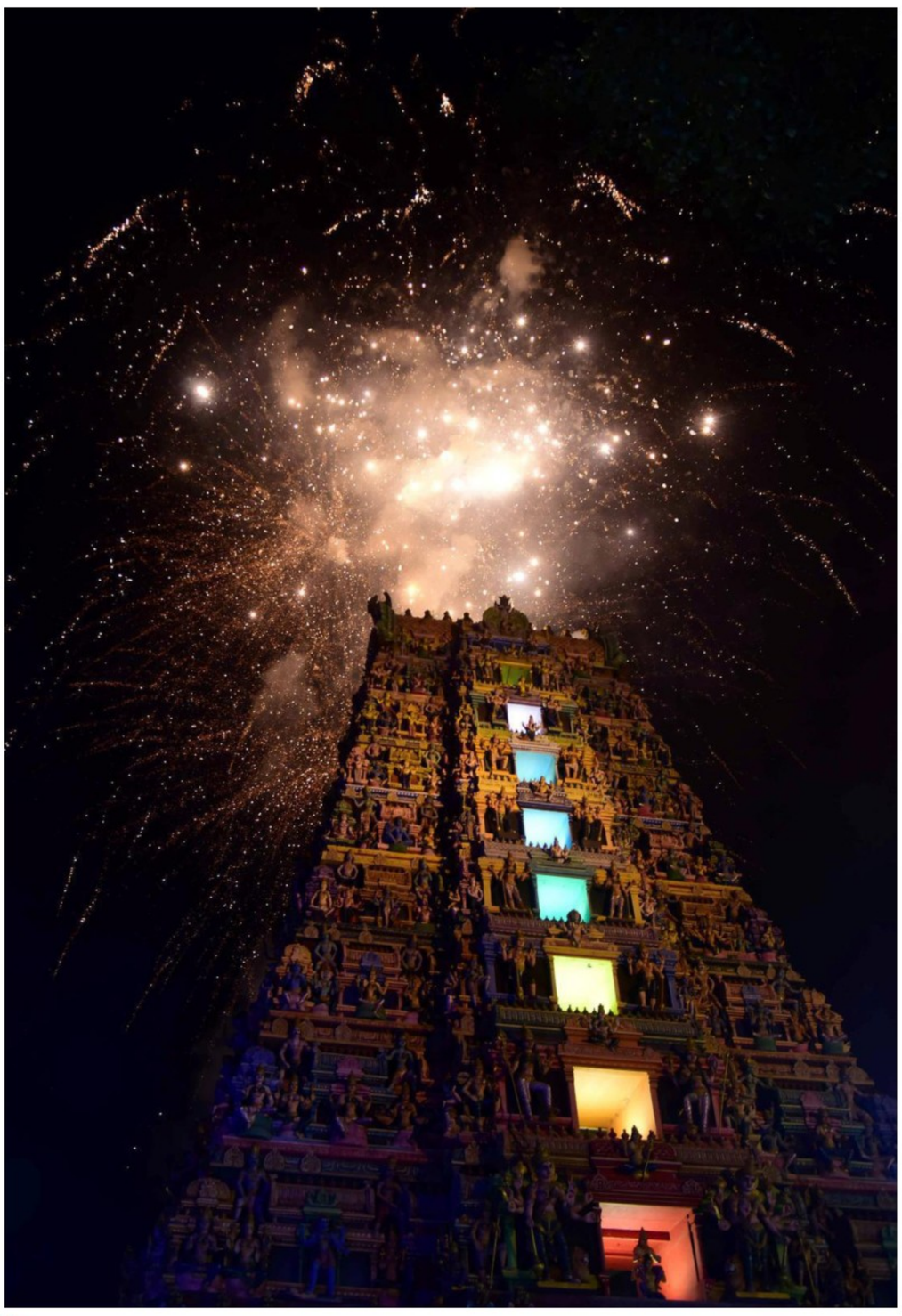
PICTURE OF THE WEEK

The divine glow of Deepavali



A view of firecrackers illuminating the Rajagopuram in Vijayawada on Deepavali day. Giri KVS

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FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 28, 1972

British Queen deplores Uganda action

London, Oct. 27: Queen Elizabeth made a rare criticism of a Commonwealth country yesterday as she told Parliament that her Government "deplores the action of the Government of Uganda in expelling residents of Asian descent." The criticism of Gen. Amin's Government, which has ordered the expulsion of all Asians, was contained in the Queen's speech formally closing the current session of Parliament. It was read in the House of Lords. She said the British Government had made strong representations to the Uganda Government and had accepted the responsibility of admitting to Britain those Asians holding U.K. passports and wishing to reside here. Meanwhile, a spokesman of the Australian Foreign Affairs Ministry said the Government was willing to give $50,000 to an international programme to assist in resettling Ugandan Asians in countries willing to accept them. Departmental sources said the International Committee for European Migration (ICEM) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Prince Sadruddin, were co-operating in the matter, and were looking into the organisational aspects of the programme. Countries in which Ugandan Asians would be helped to settle had not yet been decided, the sources said. They added that some South American countries were interested. ICEM was set up after World War II to help refugees into countries where they had been accepted. At the 18th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association at Blantyre (Malawi) the chairman of the CPA executive, Sir Frederick Bennett criticised President Amin.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO OCTOBER 28, 1922

In Australia

Leafield (Oxford) Midnight, Oct. 27: The Government of Western Australia are promoting at a cost of 6 million pounds a scheme to enable 70,000 British men, women and children to settle in their state. It is proposed that emigrants should proceed from Britain at the rate of 25,000 each year.

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Shah espouses uniform law and order policy

Among the Opposition-ruled States, the conference was attended by Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and his Punjab counterpart Bhagwant Mann. West Bengal was the only State to be represented by an Additional Director General of Police rank officer, while Bihar sent DGP S.K Singhal to attend the meet. Tamil Nadu's Law Minister S. Reghupathy and Chhattisgarh's Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu were also present. Jharkhand was represented by its Finance Minister Rameshwar Oraon.

Mr. Shah said some NGOs were involved in anti-national activities, religious conversion, political opposition to development projects or propaganda against policies of the government. He said the amendments to the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) in 2020 successfully prevented the misuse of foreign funding and effective monitoring became possible. The FCRA was a mandatory requirement to receive foreign funds.

He said he had received thousands of suggestions on revamping the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) and soon the amendments would be presented in Parliament.

'Mission to end when PoK reunites with India'

Mr. Singh accused Pakistan of committing excesses in PoK. "I want to ask Pakistan, which sheds crocodile's tears over human rights, about how the residents of PoK are being treated, their rights are violated and denied. Pakistan is illegally occupying these areas and sowing seeds of hatred. Time is not far when Pakistan will have to pay for the suppression and atrocities unleashed on the residents of PoK," Mr. Singh said.

He also questioned the role played by human rights groups in J&K. "Where are human rights groups when security forces and civilians are attacked? Human rights groups and the so-called intellectuals have been supporting terrorists and their supporters when the security forces would take action against them. India is a country which is even sensitive towards trees and plants not to talk about human beings," Mr. Singh said.

"The situation Kashmir was in, the silence of these so-called intellectuals was also responsible for it. Kashmir saw ethnic cleansing of Kashmiri Pandits and their forced migration too," he added.

He said terrorism was unacceptable to India. "When a terrorist comes to kill, he does not differentiate between a Hindu and Muslim. He kills a human being and an Indian," he said.

The Defence Minister said Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 5, 2019 ended special provisions of Article 370 and walked the talk, a dream nursed for more than 70 years.

"August 5 was the realisation of the dreams of leaders Syama Prasad Mookerjee and Prem Nath Dogra. This region had suffered because of '*dou pradhan, vidhan, nishan*'. The Central schemes on development would stop at the borders of Punjab and Himachal. Leave aside special status, people were denied even the basic rights (prior to August 5, 2019)," he said.

He said Dogras and the Dogra rulers had played an important role in J&K's history and contributed to the region's development in the past.

TRAI provisions likely to be removed from Bill

The source added that one of the things that the government was now considering was removing almost all TRAI-related amendments proposed in the draft telecom policy and bringing in a separate Bill with the objective of strengthening the TRAI. However, the new Bill would come a couple of years down the line, after implementation of the telecom Bill.

The DoT is currently under the process of discussion with all stakeholders, including industry bodies, on the draft Bill. The government has also invited written comments from industry on the Bill, the deadline for which was extended till October 30. After these discussions and receiving of the inputs, a final draft will be introduced.

The source added that the Centre wanted to strengthen the TRAI to bring it on a par with bodies such as the U.S.' regulator Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the U.K.'s Ofcom, with highly technical-oriented people and powers to impose penalties, among other things.

Significant changes

The government had released the draft of The Indian Telecommunication Act, 2022 in September this year, wherein it proposes significant changes, including provisions for waiving dues for financially stressed operators, bringing over-the-top (OTT) platforms within the ambit of telecom services that require a licence to operate, and provisions for message interception in case of public emergency.

Among the other concerns, experts had pointed out that the Bill undermines the regulator, by proposing to "take away the TRAI's statutory independence, and seeks to make it subservient to the government". For example, the Bill proposed to remove provisions for referencing and back referencing recommendations between the DoT and the TRAI. The Bill also proposed to amend clauses which gave the regulator power to notify tariffs at which telecom services are to be offered.

In call with British PM Sunak, Modi discusses trade pact

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday held a telephone conversation with new British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak. The discussion between the two leaders took place in the backdrop of the arrival of the U.K. Foreign Secretary James Cleverly, who will participate in the special meeting of the United Nations' Counter Terror Committee in Mumbai and Delhi.

"Glad to speak to Rishi Sunak today. Congratulated him on assuming charge as U.K. PM. We will work together to further strengthen our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. We also agreed on the importance of early conclusion of a comprehensive and balanced FTA," Mr. Modi said in a message. Thanking Mr. Modi, Mr. Sunak said, "The U.K. and India share so much. I'm excited about what our two great democracies can achieve as we deepen our security, defence and economic partnership in the months and years ahead."

"The Prime Minister said he was a visual representation of the historic links between the U.K. and India, and intended to build on this relationship to develop ever closer ties between our two countries," a Downing Street spokesperson said regarding the talks. The two leaders agreed to work together to "strengthen the developing economies of the world," said the spokesperson. Both leaders are expected to meet at the G-20 summit in Bali next month.

Pilot calls on new Congress president Kharge again to discuss Rajasthan impasse

Sobhana K. Nair
JAIPUR

Former Deputy Chief Minister of Rajasthan Sachin Pilot met newly elected Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday to discuss the political stalemate in the State, where a meeting of the Congress Legislature Party was aborted on September 25 due to a rebellion by the supporters of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot.

This was Mr. Pilot's second meeting with Mr. Kharge in eight days. The first meeting was held on October 19, soon after Mr. Kharge was declared the winner in the Congress presidential election.

Sources said the two leaders discussed the political situation in the State and the Congress's electoral strategy going into the next Assembly elections scheduled for October-November 2023. Mr. Pilot, while confirming the meeting, refused to comment any further.

Kharge and Pilot earlier met on October 19, soon after the Congress presidential poll.

Mr. Kharge, who was sent as one of the central observers along with State in-charge Ajay Maken, witnessed the rebellion first-hand in Jaipur. The two leaders waited at Mr. Gehlot's residence where the Congress Legislature Party was to meet till late night for the Congress MLAs to turn up but in vain.

No immediate crisis

According to sources close to Mr. Kharge, he was not keen on taking up the tricky Rajasthan problem just yet. "There is no immediate crisis in the State. We have an elected Chief Minister who is in place and who is doing good work," a senior leader said.

However, there was a dominant view in the party that Mr. Kharge could not ignore the Rajasthan deadlock, since the rebellion by Mr. Gehlot supporters was a direct snub to the Congress president's office.

Governor Bais seeks 'second opinion' in Soren's case

Amarnath Tewary
PATNA

Jharkhand Governor Ramesh Bais on Thursday said he had sought "second opinion" in the mining lease case against Chief Minister Hemant Soren.

Mr. Bais said he "holds a constitutional post and therefore has duty to protect the Constitution. No one should point fingers at me saying I've acted out of revenge, so I've asked for a second opinion".

Asked if a big decision would be revealed after that, he said, "... Bursting crackers is banned in Delhi but not in Jharkhand. Maybe one atom bomb could explode there."

Jharkhand Mukti Morcha spokesperson Tanuj Khatri said "people of Jharkhand would counter bomb with bows and arrows (its symbol)".

Give proof of 'deletion' of Muslim, Yadav voters: ECI

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav's comments 'extremely serious' and can have far-reaching implications on the 'integrity of elections', says poll panel; gives him a fortnight to submit proof

Jatin Anand
NEW DELHI

Akhilesh Yadav had attributed BJP's victory in the Assembly poll to the ECI 'deleting' 20,000 names from the voter roll. SANDEEP SAXENA

The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Thursday shot off a letter to Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav, demanding that he submit proof to substantiate allegations on the "mass deletion" of Muslim and Yadav voters from the electoral rolls by the Commission during the Uttar Pradesh Assembly election.

Following his election to the post of SP president for a third term in Lucknow on September 29, Mr. Yadav had attributed the BJP's victory in the Assembly election to the ECI having "deliberately deleted" the names of an estimated 20,000 voters from the Muslim and Yadav communities across the 403 Assembly constituencies of the State at the behest of the BJP and its political allies.

Terming the allegation "extremely serious" and possessing the potential to have far-reaching and substantive implications, including that of perception, on the "integrity of elections" and, by extension, democracy *per se*, the ECI has given Mr. Yadav a fortnight to submit documentary proof on the basis of which he had chosen to voice the allegation in public.

According to sources in the ECI, the Commission had taken cognisance of Mr. Yadav's statement considering his stature as "a seasoned politician" who had long been involved in electoral processes. "The ECI has asked Mr. Yadav to furnish details to the Commission by November 10, 2022, so that necessary action can be taken. The law doesn't provide for electoral rolls based on caste or religion," a source said.

"Mr. Yadav has been asked to submit Assembly-wise data of deletions of such magnitude and has been requested to provide proof, such as the assembly Constituency-wise number and the names of alleged wrongful deletions, and supporting evidence or documents of such electors, whose names have allegedly been deleted wrongfully," the source added.

The ECI, according to the source, had neither received any complaint of deletions from any constituency nor had any such issue been brought to the notice of district or State-level authorities either during or after the elections.

Azam Khan gets 3 years in prison for hate speech

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

Samajwadi Party (SP) leader and 10-term MLA from Rampur, Azam Khan, was on Thursday sentenced to three years in jail by an MP-MLA court in Rampur, along with a fine of ₹2,000, in a hate speech case filed against him in 2019 over comments made against Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

The case was registered against Mr. Khan at Rampur on April 9, 2019 during the Lok Sabha election campaign for allegedly making provocative remarks against Mr. Adityanath and then District Magistrate of Rampur, Aunjaneya Kumar Singh, under Section 125 of the Representation of the People's Act, 1951 along with Sections 505 (1) and 153 (A) of the Indian Penal Code.

With the sentencing, Mr. Khan is likely to be disqualified by the Uttar Pradesh Assembly to which he was elected in the 2022 Assembly polls.

Parties should not increase dependency on dole, says BJP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

BJP has raised no objections to the Election Commission of India (ECI) proposal that political parties should submit details of financial viability of their poll promises and has suggested that parties place more emphases on voter empowerment and capacity building rather than dependency on doles.

The response by the BJP, submitted just before the October 19 deadline of the ECI to its proposal suggesting certain changes to the Model Code of Conduct (MCC), was circulated to leaders of all registered political parties.

Freebies are meant for alluring voters while welfarism is a policy intervention for inclusive growth, the BJP specified in its reply. The BJP has suggested that emphasis should be on empowering voters, increasing their capacity, imparting them skills to raise country's human capital, a party leader involved in the process said.

Freebie-welfare debate

Giving homes and free rations have a different purpose and providing electricity another, the senior leader added.

"Housing is a basic requirement and providing a home is a one-time help. Free rations started during the COVID crisis when people lost their jobs," said a party leader, differentiating between welfare measures and doles like free electricity.

The comment on free electricity seems to be a reference to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), with which the BJP has been engaged in a bitter battle over freebies, and which has been providing free power in Delhi and Punjab, the two states where it is in power.

BJP, it is learnt, has no objections to the poll panel's idea that political parties should also submit financial viability of their poll promises.

'Governor has no role in a parliamentary democracy'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Governor's office is redundant and no longer has a place in a Parliamentary democracy, Communist Party of India general secretary D. Raja said at a press conference here on Thursday in the backdrop of the ongoing tussle between Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan and the Left Democratic Front government.

"One should understand what is the mandate of a Governor? He functions according to the advice of the council of Ministers. Going against his constitutional duties, he is intentionally seeking out conflict with an elected government," he said. He implored President Droupadi Murmu to immediately act against Mr. Khan.

"Fundamentally, in a constitutional parliamentary democracy, we do not need a Governor. They are anyways political appointees of the party in power in Delhi," he added.

INBRIEF

Need answers on declining forex reserves, says Kharge

Prime Minister and Finance Minister must answer why India's foreign exchange (forex) reserves in the first half of the financial year have seen a sharp decline and rupee has become among the most depreciated currencies in emerging markets, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said on Thursday. Mr. Kharge claimed that there was a decline of $85 billion in the forex reserves in the past six months of the fiscal. "India's forex reserves declined by nearly $85 billion in the first half. In emerging markets, the Indian rupee is amongst the most depreciated currencies," he said on Twitter.

Militant killed in encounter in Kashmir's Kulgam town

A militant was killed and another was arrested in Kashmir on Thursday, while explosives were recovered near a railway station in Jammu. The police said the militant was killed during an encounter that took place at Asthan Marg in Kulgam's Kausarnag area. A search operation continued in north Kashmir's Baramulla on Thursday, where an encounter broke out on Wednesday. "A local LeT militant, Nisar Ahmad Bhat from Shrakwaea Kreeri, Baramulla, has been caught alive. A foreign militant, Usman Bhai, is still at large in injured condition," ADGP Vijay Kumar said.

Subramanian Swamy moves Delhi HC alleging lax security

Former BJP MP Subramanian Swamy on Thursday moved the Delhi High Court claiming that the Centre had not made any security arrangements at his private residence despite an assurance last month to do when he was asked to vacate government accommodation. "None [security arrangements] have been done till date. October 26 was the last date when he had to move out. He is at a life risk. He has moved an application today for a direction in terms of their undertaking," advocate Jayant Mehta for Dr. Swamy, a 'Z' category protectee, told the court which posted it for hearing on Monday.

Muslim Personal Law Board likely to revive women's wing

After much mudslinging in media, the women's wing of All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) is likely to be revived shortly. A five-member committee to frame the rules and regulations of the women's wing has been formed for the purpose. Besides convener SQR Ilyas, it includes two women members – Atiya Siddiqua, veteran member of Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, and Fatima Muzaffar, Islamic scholar from Tamil Nadu. The women's wing was dissolved earlier this month allegedly after its members wanted to take a proactive role in the hijab controversy in Karnataka, and other issues.

'Nehru made blunders on Kashmir, Modi rectified them'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The BJP, on the 75th anniversary of Jammu and Kashmir's accession to India, slammed Jawaharlal Nehru for his "blunders" and asserted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi corrected them by nullifying Article 370, which granted special rights to the erstwhile State.

As BJP leaders, including Union Ministers Kiren Rijiju and Jitendra Singh, targeted Nehru for his handling of the erstwhile State's accession, the Congress hit back, saying that BJP leaders must account for what had happened under its rule there rather than blaming Nehru.

Mr. Rijiju said the country's first Prime Minister's blunders, which, he said, included enacting Article 370 and taking the dispute with Pakistan to the United Nations, drained the country's resources. Mr. Singh said had Nehru allowed then Home Minister Vallabhbhai Patel to handle its accession the way he did with other princely States, the history of the region would have been different.

The Congress mocked BJP leaders over their criticism of Nehru, saying these "students of 'WhatsApp nursery' need to revisit their history classes".

BJP leaders have no idea of contemporary history of the country, party spokesperson Pawan Khera said.

"Give us answers. You have been in power for eight years. What has been your achievement in those years in J&K," he added.

Settle Kashmir issue through dialogue, consultation: China

India and Pakistan need to avoid unilateral moves that could complicate the situation, says Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

China on Thursday called on India and Pakistan to settle the Kashmir issue "through dialogue and consultation" and "avoid unilateral moves" that could "complicate" the situation.

Beijing was asked to comment on its stand on the issue on Thursday by official media from Pakistan, which has recently launched an international campaign to mark the date, claiming India invaded Kashmir on October 27, 1949, although it was Pakistan that had, five days prior, sent in both troops and irregulars, sparking the dispute.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry, however, appeared to only broadly reiterate China's stated view that "the Kashmir issue, a dispute left from the past, needs to be resolved peacefully and appropriately in accordance with the UN Charter, Security Council resolutions and relevant bilateral agreements".

"Parties concerned need to avoid unilateral moves that may complicate the situation," spokesperson Mao Ning said.

"Efforts should be made to settle the dispute through dialogue and consultation so as to maintain regional peace and stability."

On alert: BSF personnel patrolling near the Line of Control in the Krishna Ghati sector of Poonch. PTI

While Beijing had, until recently, largely avoided involving itself in the dispute despite its "all-weather" ties with ally Pakistan, Indian officials have seen a shift in Beijing's stand particularly in the wake of the launch in 2013 of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) which includes projects in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

Strong response

Beijing also responded strongly to India's move in August 2019 to revoke statehood and create two Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

"China is always opposed to India's inclusion of the Chinese territory in the western sector of the China-India boundary into its administrative jurisdiction," the Foreign Ministry said then, adding that "India continued to undermine China's territorial sovereignty by unilaterally changing its domestic law."

India in March reacted sharply to Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi telling a meeting of the OIC in Islamabad that Beijing "on Kashmir, heard...the calls of many of our Islamic friends and China shares the same hope".

India termed his remarks "an uncalled for reference" and said China "has no *locus standi* to comment". "They should note that India refrains from public judgement of their internal issues," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said then.

Cong. seeks White Paper on plight of Pandits

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Thursday targeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the reported exodus of Kashmiri Pandits from south Kashmir's Shopian district and demanded a White Paper on the plight of the Pandits during the eight-year rule of the Modi government.

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi took to Twitter to point out that there have been 30 targeted killings of Kashmiri Pandits this year. "The BJP has ruined the good work done by the UPA. The PM, who spoke big things before coming to power, is enjoying power and Kashmiri Pandits remain refugees in their own country," he tweeted.

Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera said when the first migration of Pandits took place in 1989, V.P. Singh's government was in office with the BJP's support. "In 1986, when the first riot against Kashmiri Pandits took place, Rajiv Gandhi's government was in office at the Centre. Kashmiri Pandits walked from the national stadium to Rajiv Gandhi's office; he heard them and Ghulam Mohammad Shah's government was brought down," he said.

"We demand a White Paper from the Modi government on the plight of Kashmiri Pandits. In the past eight years, all that has been done and not been done by this government should come out in that White Paper," Mr. Khera said.

PM to lay foundation stone for C-295 aircraft plant in Gujarat on October 30

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

A manufacturing facility for C-295 transport aircraft will be set up at Vadodara in Gujarat by Tata Advanced Systems Ltd. (TASL) in partnership with European aviation major Airbus. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone for the plant on October 30.

Of the 56 C-295 aircraft to be procured by India as per a ₹21,935-crore deal, 40 will be built at this facility. These will replace the legacy Avro aircraft in service with the Indian Air Force (IAF).

The C-295 is an aircraft of 5-10 tonne capacity used for tactical transport of up to 71 passengers or 50 paratroopers, and for logistic operations to locations that are not accessible by current heavier aircraft. It can operate from short or unprepared airstrips.

New launch: A replica of the C-295 transport aircraft put up by Tata Advanced Systems Ltd. at an exhibition in Gandhinagar. PTI

"This is the start of an entire ecosystem for aviation sector. This facility will act as the regional maintenance, repair and overhaul hub for all C-295, said Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar. "The first 16 fly-away aircraft are scheduled to be received between September 2023 and August 2025. The first made-in-India aircraft is expected from September 2026 and completed by 2031 at the rate of eight aircraft per year."

Mr. Kumar said that in future this facility would also manufacture additional aircraft as per the requirements of the IAF.

'Copter crash in Arunachal likely due to engine issues'

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

The cause of the crash of the weaponised advanced light helicopter (ALH) that killed all five personnel onboard in Arunachal Pradesh last week is likely an engine-related issue, according to official sources.

Meanwhile, all ALH in service in the country, which had since been grounded for safety checks as a precaution, are expected to fly again in two days. "We are putting all of them under a one-time check and they will be flying post that," one official source said. It is purely a precautionary move and done in case of a major crash, another source said.

"The cause looks most likely an engine-related issue," the first source added. The Army's checks are expected to be completed by Saturday while that of the Air Force are expected to be completed by Friday, it has been learnt.

A Defence Ministry spokesperson in Tezpur, in a statement on the incident, said, it was reported that the weather was good for flying operations and prior to the crash, "the Air Traffic Control (ATC) had received a MAYDAY call suggesting a technical or mechanical failure."

Irani, NCW hail BCCI's decision on equal match fee for women players

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Irani and the National Commission for Women on Thursday hailed the "historic" decision of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on equal match fees for women players as their male counterparts, saying it was a significant achievement towards gender equality.

"A welcome step," Ms. Irani, said in a tweet.

The NCW, in a statement, said it welcomed the "landmark decision of the BCCI to implement pay equity policy for contracted women cricketers".

"The Commission hopes that this decision will inspire young talents to pursue their passion for the sport and that other sports organisations would follow the example," it added.

Smriti Irani

Terming it a major victory for women cricketers across the nation, NCW Chairperson Rekha Sharma said, "At last, the voice of women cricketers was now being heard."

"Women cricketers earning the same match fee as their male counterparts heralds a new era of equal opportunities and is a significant advancement towards achieving gender equality," Ms. Sharma said.

Jaishankar to visit Moscow on Nov. 8

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar will hold talks with his Russian counterpart, Sergei Lavrov, in Moscow on November 8, the Russian Embassy announced on Thursday.

"The Ministers will discuss the current state of bilateral relations and the international agenda," the embassy said.

Mr. Jaishankar met Mr. Lavrov last month on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly's annual session. This visit is significant as it is the first visit by the Minister to Moscow since the beginning of the war in Ukraine in February.

India and Russia have maintained high-level dialogue since the beginning of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine.

Why not Ambedkar's photo on currency notes, asks Manish Tewari

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A day after Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal sought the printing of images of Hindu deities Ganesh and Lakshmi on currency notes, Lok Sabha member from Punjab and Congress leader Manish Tewari on Thursday suggested that Bhimrao Ambedkar's photo can be used for a new series of notes.

In a tweet, Mr. Tewari said: "Why not Dr. Babasahib Ambedkar's photograph on new series of currency notes? On one side the great Mahatma [Gandhi] the other side Dr. [B R] Ambedkar. Non-violence, Constitutionalism and egalitarianism fusing in a unique union that would sum up the modern Indian genius perfectly."

Sharp reactions

Mr. Kejriwal's demand drew sharp reactions from the Congress, with its Punjab unit chief Amrinder Singh Raja accusing the head of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) of resorting to "competitive Hindutva" only with the aim of outsmarting the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the Gujarat Assembly election.

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, TWAD BOARD, MADURAI.

SECOND TENDER EXTENSION NOTICE No.2 /Dt.26.10.2022 (E- Submission)

Ref : 1. This Office IFB : No.11 /F.Ramnad Retro /JJM /DO I/ CW/Dt.06.09.2022.
2. FIRST TENDER EXTENSION NOTICE No.1 /Dt.11.10.2022

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3. Period of Completion : 06 (Six) Calendar Months.
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)
(Consulting Services – Individual Selection)

Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board (TNUHDB), Government of Tamil Nadu is implementing the Tamil Nadu Housing and Habitat Development Project financed by the World Bank. TNUHDB now invites eligible Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services for the below mentioned assignment for TNUHDB under the World Bank financed Tamil Nadu Housing and Habitat Development Project.

Selection of Individual Consultants:

1) Community Development Officers for TNUHDB - 4 Nos

The detailed REOI and Terms of Reference are available in the websites **–www.tnuhdb.tn.gov.in** and **www.tenders.tn.gov.in.** Last date and time for submission of EOI is **10.11.2022** up to **5:45 PM.** The EOI shall be sent to the **Chief Community Development Officer, Project Monitoring Unit - World Bank Project, Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board, No.5, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai – 600 005, Tamil Nadu, India. E-mail: tnuhdbprocurement@gmail.com.**

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INBRIEF

'Record yield of vegetables, fruits expected in 2021-22'

The Union government expects a record production of 342.33 million tonnes of fruits and vegetables in 2021-22. It is an increase of about 7.73 million tonnes (2.3%) over the production in 2020-21. The area of cultivation could increase to 28.08 million hectares from 27.48 million hectares in 2020-21, according to the third advance estimates of the area and production of various horticultural crops for 2021-22 released on Thursday. However, potato and tomato production is estimated to have declined. Potato production is pegged at 53.39 million tonnes against 56.17 million tonnes last season, while tomato yield is estimated to be 20.33 million tonnes as against 21.18 million tonnes in 2020-21.

3 U.P. policemen ask judge's whereabouts, suspended

In a bizarre incident, three policemen in Uttar Pradesh have been suspended for asking an Allahabad High Court judge the whereabouts of his house. The personnel were posted on the judge's escort duty when the alleged incident took place. The suspension order issued to one of the policemen, a constable, which has gone viral on social media, says the personnel were deputed on escort duty of judge Prakash Singh of Allahabad High Court, and in between they asked the judge, "where is your home, and where you have to go". The order said the charges were of serious nature and suspended the constable with immediate effect. It further says that a departmental inquiry would follow.

Delhi-bound Akasa aircraft suffers bird hit, grounded

An Akasa Air plane coming from Ahmedabad to Delhi suffered a bird hit on Thursday but landed safely in the national capital and the aircraft has been grounded for detailed inspection. The airline said the Boeing 737 Max aircraft landed safely and all the passengers were deboarded on arrival. This is at least the second incident of bird hit involving an Akasa Air aircraft. On October 15, a Bangalore-bound Akasa Air plane from Mumbai returned to the city airport due to a burning smell in the cabin, which later turned out to be due to bird strike. PTI

Kedarnath, Yamunotri temples closed for winter

The sacred portals of Kedarnath and Yamunotri, located in the Garhwal Himalayan region of Uttarakhand, were closed for winter on Thursday. More than 3,000 devotees, Badrinath Kedarnath Temple Committee president Ajendra Ajay, teerth purohit and officials of the Rudraprayag district administration were present at Kedarnath on the occasion, while the Army's 11th Maratha Regiment played devotional tunes. Over 43 lakh pilgrims visited Char Dham [Kedarnath, Badrinath, Gangotri and Yamunotri temples] this year. While Gangotri Dham was closed on Wednesday, the Badrinath temple will be shut on November 19. PTI

GM mustard will be ready for cultivation in 3 crop seasons: IARI director

Ashok Kumar Singh says the environmental nod will lead to finding a science-based solution to the challenge of importing edible oils, and allow the development of more high-yielding hybrids

A.M. Jigeesh
NEW DELHI

Welcoming the decision of the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) to provide environmental clearance for genetically modified mustard, Ashok Kumar Singh, director, Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI), said it will lead to finding a science-based solution for a major challenge – the import of edible oil. Dr. Singh said the clearance would also allow the development of more high-yielding hybrids in the sector.

Talking to *The Hindu*, Dr. Singh said the environmental release of GM mustard would provide an opportunity for mustard breeders to develop diverse and high-yielding hybrids. He added that there was no need to go for the clearance of the Environment Ministry as the hybrid was environmentally released by the GEAC. "In BT cotton too, a similar process was followed. Now the responsibility is on the Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) for testing the hybrid. Now, the hybrid can be commercially cultivated after producing large quantity of its seeds. In this season, as there are not much seeds available, the available male line and female line of the hybrid have to be multiplied. In the second season, we have to go for large quantity of hybrid seed production by crossing female with male. In the third season, it will be available for commercial cultivation," Dr. Singh said.

Field test: With the GEAC approval, the ICAR will now test the hybrid for its yield before commercial cultivation. REUTERS

The ICAR has an established system to coordinate research projects, known as the All India Coordinated Research Project, in which scientists test the hybrid and varieties developed by different institutions. "Now, the GEAC has given environmental clearance for Dhara Mustard Hybrid (DMH -11). Therefore, this hybrid can now be tested in the all-India coordinated trial of AICRP for its yield advantage. If it is found for higher yielding, then it will be released for commercial cultivation," Dr. Singh said explaining the next process.

The most important aspect of the technology, Dr. Singh said, was that it had used barnase and bar genes system for creating diverse parent and the chances of yield enhancement was more. The Environment Ministry had earlier sought studies on the impact of the genes on soil microbes. "This data was there in the application and the GEAC accepted the data," Dr. Singh said.

Regarding the effect of GM mustard on honey bees and other pollinators, Dr. Singh said,"Barnase and bar genes are protein and honey is basically sugar without any protein content. So the question of honey being affected by this does not arise. These genes are safe."

Farmer body affiliated to RSS opposes GM mustard cultivation

BKS says it could lead to adverse health conditions, asks government to review decision

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

A day after the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) that functions under the Union Environment Ministry cleared the proposal for the commercial cultivation of genetically modified (GM) mustard, the Bharatiya Kisan Sangh (BKS), an affiliate of the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh, on Thursday opposed the move and said that it could cause cancer and was injurious to health.

In a letter to the Union government, the BKS alleged that the GEAC, Delhi University and the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) were working hand in glove in matters pertaining to genetic modification of food crops.

'A scientific fraud'

Mohini Mohan Mishra, All India general secretary of the BKS, told *The Hindu* that the GEAC, in its study, claimed that GM mustard was herbicide-tolerant (HT).

He added that the GM mustard had been always under the scanner and termed it a "scientific fraud". "The HT technology is mostly carcinogenic. It is a killer technology that kills soil, microbes, pollinators, almost all medicinal herbs and adversely affects crop diversity. It can also cause cancer in humans," Mr. Mishra said.

He alleged that the GEAC had not been able to resist the entry of unwanted, unsuccessful (high investment variety) genetically modified food crops into the farming system and food chain of India. He said the actions of the GEAC were unscientific and nonsocio-economical in cases of genetically modified crops.

"We request the Central government to step into this matter with urgency and revisit their mandate and accountability fixed at par with the agenda of non-chemical, self-sustainable agriculture to provide sufficient healthy food to our people with eco-friendly agricultural practices," Mr. Mishra said.

Psychological test of death row convicts is essential, says SC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In a significant order, the Supreme Court has made it clear that the psychological evaluation of condemned prisoners by expert doctors, and access to them by mitigating investigators, are essential before the hearing begins on their appeals against the death penalty.

A Bench led by Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit said these reports would provide invaluable assistance for the court to have an independent and holistic picture of the physical and mental condition and background of the condemned person whose life hangs in balance.

The court was hearing appeals against the death sentence filed by convicts Prakash Vishwanath Darandale and Ramesh Vishwanath Darandale, presently lodged in Nashik Central Jail. They were found guilty of a brutal murder in 2013. The Bombay High Court had confirmed their death penalty.

The Bench's recent order said the court has been lately focussing on the psychological evaluation of convicts in death penalty cases.

Further, mitigation experts need to be given access to the prisoners to dig out any circumstances which may help the court while it hears the appeal. Anything overlooked would lead to irreparable consequences in death penalty cases. "Facets touching upon the character and behaviour of the appellant (s) would be essential in order to have a complete assessment in the matter," the court said in the present case.

U.P. promotes tombs of Muslim devotees of Krishna for tourism

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
MATHURA

Amid the forested lanes of Gokul in Mathura are the once forgotten tombs of Raskhan and Taj Bibi, arguably the two most famous Muslim devotees of Lord Krishna. With the Uttar Pradesh government focussed on creating Krishna Janmabhoomi as a major pilgrim tourist destination in the State, the redevelopment of these burial sites has been prioritised. A 14-acre complex has been developed around the two hitherto neglected tombs.

A senior official of the State Tourism Department, who did not wish to be named, told *The Hindu* that the decision had been taken "keeping in mind the discussion around communal amity in the country nowadays". "Here are two widely respected Muslim devotees of Krishna and poets of repute. We wanted them to be rediscovered," the source said.

New attraction: The mausoleum of Taj Bibi at Mahavan in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh. R. V. MOORTHY

Raskhan, or Syed Ibrahim Khan, was a 16th century Sufi Muslim poet born either in Amroha or Hardoi in Uttar Pradesh. He became a follower of Krishna and spent his life in Vrindavan.

Taj Bibi, also known as the 'Mughal Mirabai', was the daughter of a Muslim nobleman, appointed by the Mughals to protect the Gokul area.

The official said the tomb complex was proposed to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath as one of the first pilgrim tourist sites to be developed in the Braj (Mathura-Vrindavan) area, and the Chief Minister was "excited" about the project, for which funds were released immediately.

Mr. Adityanath visited the site after its completion, as has Mathura MP Hema Malini. The complex receives around 2,000-3,000 visitors daily.

"The total cost of the project was around ₹10 crore," Pankaj Verma, Deputy CEO, Braj Teerth Vikas Parishad, said. The Parishad is dedicated to the redevelopment of the Braj region as a pilgrimage destination.

According to local officials, apart from the increase in tourist footfall, the area itself has been resuscitated as it had become a haven for drug addicts and petty criminals. Taj Bibi's mausoleum, which had been in a state of complete ruin, had been encroached upon.

Officials said there may be many more such historically important sites in Braj, which have to be redeveloped by providing better infrastructure for tourists.

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(set by Karaoke)

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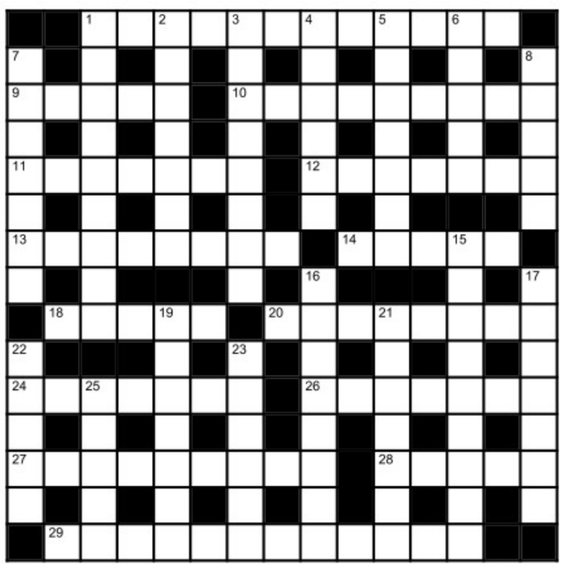
SCAN TO PLAY



Across

1 Sacking first officer, chiefs came out regrettably to take the responsibility (4,3,5)
9 Kettledrum sounds like mother-of-pearl (5)
10 Yukky to look at dilapidated homes (9)
11 Some get a luxurious car as allowance (7)
12 Recruits stupid sentinels ignoring employment norms initially (7)
13 Topless garment worn by youth in this place (8)
14 Guide at Universal Studios highlights entertaining rides primarily (5)
18 Japanese art contest about to conclude (5)
20 Doctor dining at cocktail (3,3,2)
24 Corpse found at last between two states! (7)
26 It's believed to be harmful to watch explosive backfiring (4,3)
27 Thinkers - They believe in God wearing every second Holy Cross (8)
28 Initially Soviet charged Ukraine dropping surface-to-air missiles (4)
29 Thematic story produced live on-street (4,8)

Down

1 Copy document containing crooked international scam (9)
2 Cigar of revolutionary origin (7)
3 Cycling in the mind, they sell goods on credit (8)
4 Euphoric journalist follows unusual tale (6)
5 Advocates should have power to review (7)
6 Admirable persons' reported power of seeing tricks (4)
7 Moderately slow movement at an end perhaps (7)
8 Support from bottom to top for charter (5)
15 Resists heartlessly and takes bullets occasionally in consequence (3,6)
16 Filmmaker shot action scene without dupe (8)
17 Freethinker is extremely adamant about the dissertation without scientific base (7)
19 It may happen after wedding - Vedic or otherwise (7)
21 X-rated content on children under discussion (2,5)
22 Highlanders rollaway in vessel (5)
23 Rip-off child for porridge (6)
25 As a result of small fight, religious books returned (3,2)

SUDOKU

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Solution to Wednesday's puzzle

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Solution to Wednesday's Sudoku

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5	1	3	8	4	6	9	7	2
6	2	4	9	7	3	5	8	1
9	8	7	2	5	1	4	6	3

FAITH

Vidura's warning

Sakuni knows that the Kauravas will never win a war against the Pandavas. Plans are therefore made to tempt Yudhishthira to play a game of dice, said Kidambi Narayanan in a discourse. Yudhishthira says a victory through gambling is no victory at all and the victor will not earn any respect because of his success. Sakuni says winners and losers are always seen in life. An educated man wins a debate against an uneducated man. This too makes the loser unhappy. When a bad archer loses to a good one, will he not be sorry? When a strong wrestler defeats a weak opponent, will the loser not be sad? Sakuni then says that if Yudhishthira is afraid to play, then he need not. Yudhishthira says since he has been asked to play, he will not back out. Duryodhana stakes his gems and other riches, but says Sakuni will play on his behalf. Yudhishthira loses one thing after another as the game proceeds.

An alarmed Vidura tells Dhritarashtra that medicines are of no use to a person on his deathbed. If Dhritarashtra does not pay heed to Vidura's advice, then the advice will be as useless as medicine administered at the last minute. Duryodhana will bring death to the entire family, warns Vidura. Duryodhana is like one high up in a tree extracting honey. He could slip at any moment and fall to his death. Duryodhana is now so absorbed with the game of dice going on, that he does not realise what grave dangers he is likely to bring to his family. When Krishna killed Kamsa, the latter's subjects were relieved of a wicked king. In the same manner, it would be in the best interests of the family, if Dhritarashtra allowed Arjuna to kill Duryodhana. That would bring peace to the Kuru clan.

ISLAMABAD

Thousands attend funeral of Pakistani journalist killed in Kenya

Tens of thousands of mourners attended the funeral on Thursday of a Pakistani journalist shot dead by the police in Kenya after he fled arrest in his home country. Arshad Sharif, a strident critic of Pakistan's powerful military establishment, died when Kenyan police opened fire on his car at a roadblock outside the capital. AP

DUBAI

Iran's leaders try to link protests to gun attack that killed 15

Iran's Supreme Leader tried on Thursday to link the nationwide protests roiling the country to an Islamic State-claimed gun attack on a famous mosque that killed 15 people. The comments by Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and President Ebrahim Raisi come as has been unable to contain the protests. REUTERS

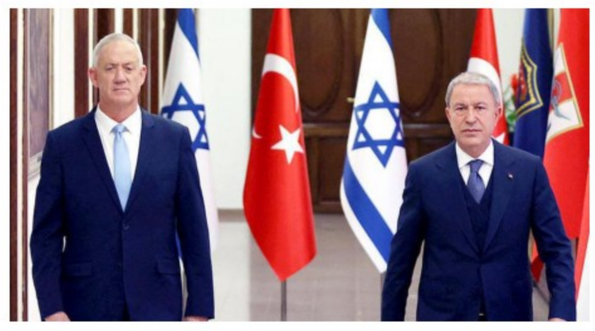
NAIROBI

Kenya's new Cabinet sworn in, two months after elections

Kenyan President William Ruto's Cabinet was sworn in on Thursday, two months after he narrowly won a bitterly-fought election. The 22-member line-up will be tasked with tackling the cost of living crisis and other economic issues in the East African country, the cornerstone of Mr. Ruto's election campaign manifesto. AFP

ANKARA

Israel's Defence Minister visits Turkey as relations thaw



Israel's Defence Minister became the first top defence official from his country to visit Turkey in more than a decade on Thursday as the two nations take steps to normalise their strained ties. Turkish Defence Minister Hulusi Akar welcomed Benny Gantz to Ankara with a military ceremony before the two held talks. REUTERS

Imran Khan asked Army for illegal favours, says ISI

The military has made a policy decision to stay out of politics, and hence turned down the former PM's persistent requests, says the spy agency's chief in a rare press conference

Reuters
KARACHI

Pointing fingers: A file photo of Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa (centre), watching a parade with Imran Khan (left) in Islamabad, Pakistan. AP

Pakistan's intelligence chief accused former Prime Minister Imran Khan of asking the country's powerful military for "illegal and unconstitutional" support for his government, in a scathing and unprecedented news conference on Thursday.

The news conference by the chief of the country's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), Lieutenant-General Nadeem Anjum, came after Mr. Khan upped his criticism of the military, accusing them of plotting his removal in April and supporting his opponents.

"[Khan's criticism] is because the military and its chief refused to do illegal or unconstitutional things," Gen. Anjum said, adding that the military had made a policy decision to stay out of politics, and hence turned down Khan's persistent requests.

The shadowy ISI chief, who rarely makes public appearances, did not specify what Mr. Khan's requests were. A leader of Mr. Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf, Asad Umar, later denied any illegal requests were made.

An opposition alliance voted Mr. Khan out of power in a vote in April. Mr. Khan has since launched a political blitz calling for a snap election. The government says an election will be held as scheduled in October 2023. Speaking alongside Gen. Anjum, military spokesman Lieutenant-General Babar Iftikhar said the extraordinary step of getting the spy chief to speak in public was taken because of a smear campaign against the military. öGen. Anjum said Mr. Khan and Army chief Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa had met recently in an attempt to reduce tensions. According to the spy chief, Mr. Khan would meet the military leadership in the "darkness of night" to ask for favours and then attack the same people next day.

He also said that, in March, as opposition pressure was mounting on Mr. Khan's government, the then Prime Minister had offered Gen. Bajwa a "lifetime extension" as Army Chief, which was turned down.

Ukraine exited talks on U.S. order: Putin

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin has claimed that Ukraine pulled out of peace talks with Moscow in March on an "order" from the U.S., the Kremlin said on Thursday.

"The text was ready... And then suddenly the Ukrainian side went off the radar, the Ukrainian side declared its unwillingness to continue negotiations," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters, adding that Mr. Putin considered it "obvious" that the decision to stop talks "occurred on an order from Washington".

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky on Wednesday had quickly dismissed any possibility of talks with Moscow, denouncing Mr. Putin's "planned rhetoric".

China, U.S. must find ways to get along, says Xi Jinping

Agence France-Presse
BEIJING

President Xi Jinping said China and the U.S. must "find ways to get along" to safeguard world peace and development, state media reported on Thursday, as he embarks on his precedent-breaking third term in power.

China and the U.S. have butted heads in recent years on issues ranging from Beijing's policies towards self-governing Taiwan to its crackdown in Hong Kong and alleged rights abuses in Xinjiang.

Washington has also accused Beijing of providing diplomatic cover for Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Mr. Xi sealed another five years as China's leader at the end of a twice-a-decade Communist Party Congress

Xi Jinping

on Sunday. "The world today is neither peaceful nor tranquil," Mr. Xi wrote in a congratulatory letter to the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations – some of his first remarks since the Congress – according to Chinese state broadcaster CCTV.

"As major powers, strengthening communication and cooperation between China and the U.S. will help to increase global stability and certainty, and promote world peace and development," he reportedly told the New York-based non-profit organisation.

Mutual respect

Mr. Xi added China was "willing to work with the U.S. to give mutual respect, coexist peacefully... (and) find ways to get along in the new era", the broadcaster reported. Doing so "will not only be good for both countries, but also benefit the world", Xi wrote.

The Biden administration said this month China is the only competitor to the U.S. "with both the intent to reshape the international order and, increasingly, the economic, diplomatic, military and technological power to advance that objective".

Countries' climate efforts fall short: UN

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

UNEP found that promises since last year's COP26 summit in Glasgow would only cut less than 1% off emissions

Country climate pledges leave the world on track to heat by as much as 2.6 degrees Celsius this century, the United Nations said on Wednesday, warning that emissions must fall 45% this decade to limit disastrous global warming.

The United Nations Environment Programme, in its annual Emissions Gap report, found that updated national promises since last year's COP26 summit in Glasgow would only shave less than 1% off global greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

The world has warmed nearly 1.2 C since the start of the Industrial Revolution and already faces increasingly ferocious climate-enhanced weather extremes like heatwaves, storms and floods.

China accused of targeting dissidents

Associated Press
THE HAGUE

China has reportedly established dozens of "overseas police stations" in nations around the world that activists fear could be used to track and harass dissidents as part of Beijing's crackdown on corruption.

Information about the outposts underscored concerns about the ruling CCP influence over its citizens abroad, sometimes in ways deemed illegal by other countries, as well as the undermining of democratic institutions and the the theft of economic and political secrets by bodies affiliated with the one-party state.

Spanish-based group Safeguard Defenders published a report last month called "110 Overseas. Chinese Transnational Policing Gone Wild" that focused on the foreign stations.

Over his decade in power, Chinese President Xi Jinping has pushed a relentless anti-corruption drive that has seen tens of millions of Communist Party cadres investigated.

Israel, Lebanon sign maritime border deal

Agence France-Presse
NAQURA

Lapid says Lebanon's intention to ink the deal amounted to a de-facto recognition of the Jewish state

Israel and Lebanon on Thursday separately signed a U.S.-brokered maritime border deal which paves the way for lucrative offshore gas extraction by the neighbours that remain technically at war.

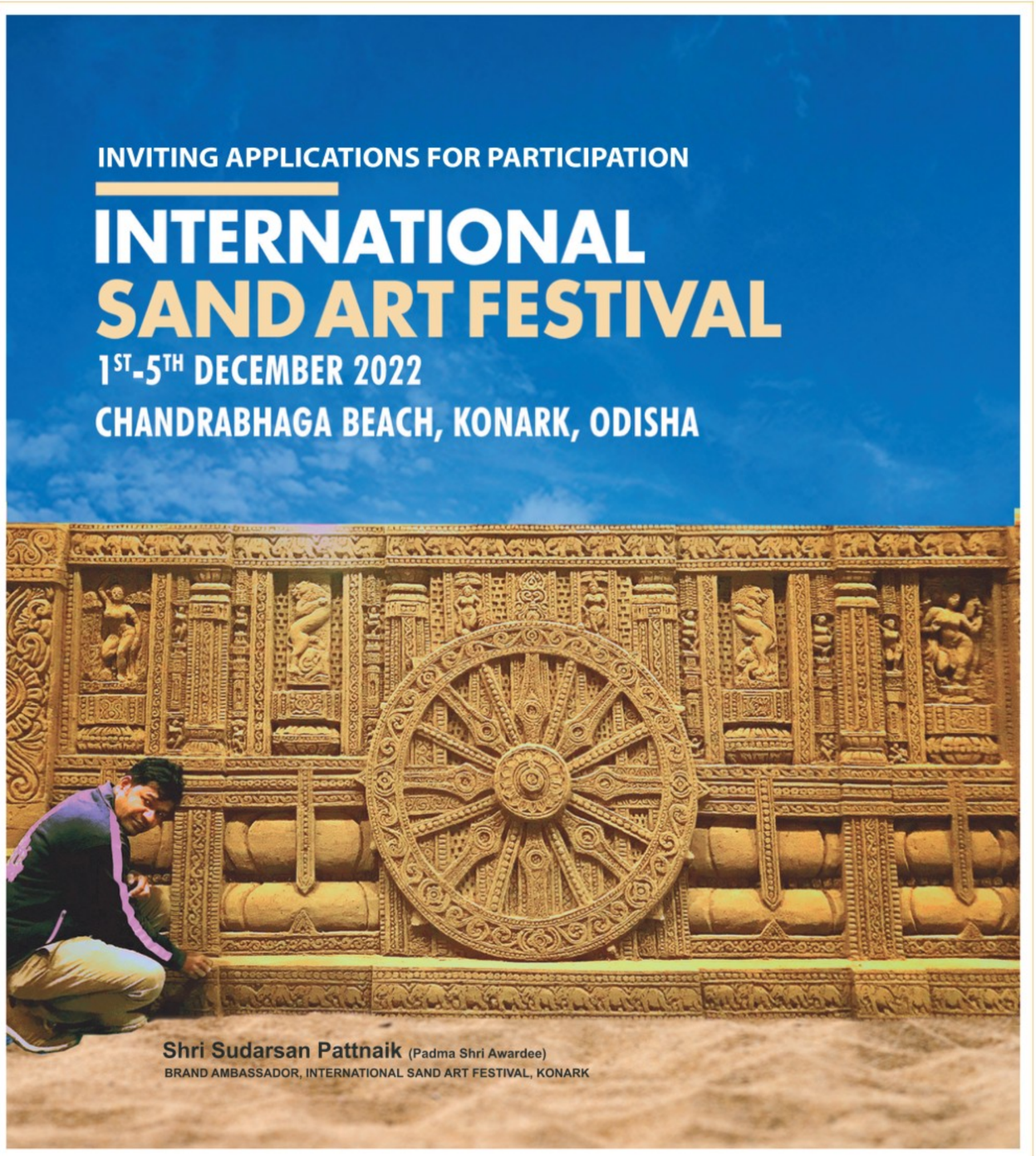
The agreement is set to go into effect after two exchanges of letters – one between Lebanon and the U.S., the other between Israel and the U.S., expected from 3:00 p.m. local time.

Hailed in advance by U.S. President Joe Biden as a "historic breakthrough", it comes as Western powers clamour to open up new gas production and reduce vulnerability to supply cuts from Russia. The deal, signed separately by Lebanon's President Michel Aoun in Beirut and Israel's Prime Minister Yair Lapid in Jerusalem, comes as Lebanon hopes to extract itself from what the World Bank calls one of the worst economic crises in modern world history.

It also comes as Mr. Lapid seeks to lock in a major achievement days ahead of a general election on November 1.

The exchange of letters is due to take place in the southern Lebanese town of Naqura, in the presence of U.S. mediator Amos Hochstein and the UN special coordinator for Lebanon Joanna Wronecka.

Before signing it, Mr. Lapid had claimed on Thursday morning that Lebanon's intention to ink the deal amounted to a de-facto recognition of the Jewish state. "It is not every day that an enemy state recognises the State of Israel," he said.



INBRIEF

TMB net rose 27% to ₹497 cr. in H1 on credit-deposit ratio

Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd. (TMB) said its standalone net profit for the first half of FY23 rose 27% to ₹497 crore on account of an increase in the credit-deposit ratio and net interest margin, control over slippages and reduction in non-performing assets. Announcing the results, the bank's MD & CEO S. Krishnan said: "We continue to focus on retail, agriculture and the MSME sector, which stands at 87% [of advances], and balance is corporate sector advances."

Indo-U.S. trade policy forum meeting said to be deferred

The India-U.S. trade policy forum (TPF) meet, which was scheduled to be held on November 8 in Washington, has been deferred, sources said. They added local elections in both the countries could be the reason for the deferment of the meeting. The sources said the dialogue at the trade ministers' level is happening at different forums such as the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity and G-20. PTI

Walkaroo expands Karnataka plant to make PU footwear

Walkaroo has renovated and expanded its plant at Dobbaspet in Karnataka to manufacture polyurethane (PU) footwear. According to a media statement, the plant, which had a capacity to make 30,000 pairs a day, can now make 50,000 pairs a day. It would mainly to cater to the South India market. The plant in Karnataka would also function as Walkaroo's core PU footwear production house for domestic and export markets.

Rupee gains as dollar slips against major currencies

Weak U.S. housing data spurs hope that the Federal Reserve would go slow on raising rates; but renewed strength in crude oil prices will keep pressure on the domestic currency, says an analyst

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The rupee on Thursday strengthened by 48 paisa against the dollar on account of the U.S. currency softening against major currencies.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the Indian unit closed at 82.33 compared with its previous close of 82.81.

"The rupee edged higher amid the decline seen in the dollar index towards a one-month low and improved risk sentiments," said Sugandha Sachdeva, VP, Commodities and Currency Research, Religare Broking. "The greenback has slipped lower by around 1.5% this week on the back of wagers that the Fed might adopt a slightly less aggressive policy stance post the November meeting owing to the discouraging U.S. housing market data."

Cost of funds: Discouraging U.S. housing data is indicative of the damage caused by the rise in borrowing costs, says an analyst. AFP

'Borrowing costs rise'

"Weak data is indicative of the damage caused by the rising borrowing costs which might push the U.S. central bank to turn less hawkish than previously anticipated. Furthermore, renewed strength in crude oil prices is also likely to weigh on the domestic currency," she added.

Gaurang Somaiya, Forex & Bullion Analyst, Motilal Oswal Financial Services, said, "Expectation is that the Federal Reserve will slow the pace of its rate hiking cycle. This sent the Euro back above parity with the greenback for the first time in a month."

"Pound extended gains on optimism that Rishi Sunak and his team will restore stability and credibility in the U.K.," he added.

Russian oil binge said to send West Asia imports to 19-month low

Reuters
NEW DELHI

India's oil imports from West Asia fell to a 19-month low in September while Russian imports rebounded although refining outages hit overall crude imports, data from trade and shipping sources showed.

Iraq remained the top supplier while Russia overtook Saudi Arabia as the second biggest after a gap of a month, the data showed.

India's imports from West Asia fell to about 2.2 million bpd, down 16.2% from August, while imports from Russia rose 4.6% to about 8,96,000 bpd after dipping in the previous two months.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	59,757	0.36
US Dollar	82.33	0.58
Gold	51,024	0.64
Brent oil	96.94	3.33

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3325.00	24.50
Adani Ports	821.25	20.90
Apollo Hosp	4431.85	27.80
Asian Paints	3043.45	-41.45
Axis Bank	915.15	12.30
Bajaj Auto	3622.30	-31.80
Bajaj Finserv	1630.95	-27.60
Bajaj Finance	6971.10	-131.80
Bharti Airtel	817.10	14.80
BPCL	305.60	3.00
Britannia Ind	3755.30	42.20
Cipla	1165.90	10.00
Coal India	240.90	0.95
Divis Lab	3621.05	23.90
Dr Reddys Lab	4491.20	48.85
Eicher Motors	3710.65	0.00
Grasim Ind	1724.45	9.75
HCL Tech	1032.05	5.55
HDFC	2383.30	26.60
HDFC Bank	1454.40	3.50
HDFC Life	533.00	-0.45
Hero MotoCorp	2610.75	25.15
Hindalco	412.40	14.00
Hind Unilever	2519.00	13.60
ICICI Bank	924.40	-0.65
IndusInd Bank	1142.50	5.05
Infosys	1523.95	-2.35
ITC	345.80	-0.50
JSW Steel	679.60	35.25
Kotak Bank	1865.00	18.40
L&T	1964.05	14.95
M&M	1294.15	12.75
Maruti Suzuki	9041.95	36.95
NestleIndia	20133.25	-149.15
NTPC	170.65	1.30
ONGC	131.80	1.05
PowerGrid Corp	223.90	5.40
Reliance Ind	2451.15	9.60
SBI Life	1252.90	-1.95
State Bank	579.65	1.10
Sun Pharma	1011.65	20.10
TataConsumerProduct	770.05	3.10
Tata Motors	407.70	3.15
Tata Steel	104.20	3.00
TCS	3157.40	-4.70
Tech Mahindra	1075.85	-6.65
Titan	2703.80	33.50
UltraTech Cement	6436.80	21.10
UPL	706.45	12.00
Wipro	382.65	-2.00

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on October 27

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.29	82.61
Euro	82.67	82.99
British Pound	95.30	95.68
Japanese Yen (100)	56.10	56.32
Chinese Yuan	11.38	11.43
Swiss Franc	83.06	83.43
Singapore Dollar	58.38	58.62
Canadian Dollar	60.42	60.66
Malaysian Ringitt	17.43	17.53
Australian Dollar	53.00	53.22

Source:Indian Bank

U.S. growth rebounds, but demand stalling

Reuters
WASHINGTON

Housing investment contracted for sixth straight quarter as market buckled under surging rates

U.S. economic growth rebounded strongly in the third quarter at 2.6% amid a shrinking trade deficit, but that overstates the economy's health as domestic demand was the weakest in two years because of the Federal Reserve's aggressive interest rate increases.

The Commerce Department's advance third-quarter gross domestic product report on Thursday also showed residential investment contracting for a sixth straight quarter as the housing market buckles under the weight of surging mortgage rates. Inflation slowed substantially from Q2, but price pressures continued to bubble.

RBI policy panel to discuss inflation report on Nov. 3

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

RBI must explain to Centre why inflation exceeded 2-6% band 3 quarters in a row

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has called for an additional meeting of its Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) on November 3 to discuss its response to the Centre for missing the mandated target of 2% to 6% retail inflation for three quarters in a row.

"An additional meeting of the MPC is being scheduled on November 3," the RBI said in a statement.

The MPC would deliberate on the report to be sent by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das explaining why the target was missed and what measures the RBI would take to bring inflation back within the range.

This will be the first time such a report is prepared since the MPC framework took effect in 2016. This will also be the second time an off-schedule meeting has been called for this year. In May, the panel had met to raise rates in a bid to rein in inflation.

With the pandemic squeezing supply chains, combined with the Russian war, inflation in India has remained above 6% for more than three quarters, making it mandatory for the RBI to explain remedial actions to the government.

Goyal urges textile sector to begin procuring cotton

The Hindu Bureau
COIMBATORE

Textile manufacturers should start securing cotton to meet their requirement, Union Textile Minister Piyush Goyal has said.

According to a statement, Mr. Goyal also urged the cotton-sector stakeholders to discuss strategies to ensure traceability of cotton and get better value for cotton products.

Industry sources said cotton prices were currently ruling at ₹68,000 a candy. Though mills were buying cotton now, there were uncertainties over prices and hence, mills were reluctant to buy in large quantities. The mills were hopeful of a further slide in prices.

J. Thulasidharan, president, Indian Cotton Federation, said Indian cotton prices were slightly higher than global cotton prices. Though the new cotton season started on October 1, arrivals were low with just 60,000- 70,000 bales arriving daily at the market against 1 lakh bales usually seen at this time of year.

The crop is delayed this year and as prices are falling, it looks like farmers are not bringing the kappas to the market. "Arrivals are expected to pick up next week," he said.

Meanwhile, at a meeting with exporters, Mr. Goyal said textile exports in 2021-2022 stood at about $42 billion and the target was to achieve $100 billion in the next five to six years.

'High inflation may impact realty sector'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

However, optimism is evident as the perception of real estate has remained resilient thus far

The ongoing stress in the economy on account of high inflationary pressure may adversely impact the real estate sector, according to an index.

As per the latest Knight Frank-Naredco Real Estate Sentiment Index Q3 2022 (July-September), the 'Current Sentiment Index' score has declined marginally from 62 in Q2 2022 to 61 in Q3 on account of the economic scenario playing out globally.

"The Current Sentiment Index score has scaled down, primarily because of the dark global economy and the current geopolitical risk due to the Russia-Ukraine war," the entities said in a report.

"Although it has declined marginally, it still shows optimism since perception of the Indian economy and the real estate remains resilient thus far," the entities added.

'Frame norms for recovery of taxes in IBC cases'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Indirect tax appellate tribunal CESTAT has asked the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs to frame norms to deal with outstanding tax demands against companies facing insolvency proceedings.

The Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal said the revenue department had no proper guidelines in cases where Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) proceedings were in progress.

ECB raises rates again, cuts bank subsidies

Reuters
FRANKFURT

Christine Lagarde

The European Central Bank raised interest rates again and announced it was changing the terms of its ultra-cheap loans to commercial banks in a bid to shrink its bloated balance sheet and fight off a historic surge in inflation.

Worried that rapid price growth is becoming entrenched, the ECB is raising borrowing costs at the fastest pace on record, with more hikes almost certain. The central bank for the 19 countries that use the euro raised its deposit rate by a further 75 basis points to 1.5% – the highest rate since 2009.

ECB President Christine Lagarde noted while the Ukraine war and other global uncertainties meant the euro economy faced a number of risks to the downside, inflation risks were skewed upwards.

Sport

Humpy misses chance to go 2-0 up

Sports Bureau

Koneru Humpy missed a chance to post a second win in two days as she drew with Ukraine's Anna Muzychuk in the FIDE Women's Candidates chess tournament at Monte Carlo on Wednesday. Humpy leads 1.5-0.5 in the best-of-four match.

Humpy adopted Petrov's Defence. Following Anna's weak 15th move, with her bishop, the Indian had an advantageous position.

Three moves later, the Ukrainian's situation worsened after she decided to capture a centre pawn with her rook.

Humpy, however, failed to capitalise on that error.

Barcelona and Atletico eliminated

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Agencies
BARCELONA

End of the road: Barcelona lost to Bayern yet again. AP

Barcelona was eliminated from the Champions League even before enduring yet another 0-3 beating by Bayern Munich. Atletico Madrid also went out following an extraordinary sequence around a penalty awarded by VAR after the final whistle of its 2-2 draw with Bayer Leverkusen.

Atletico's spot kick was saved before a frantic scramble in the goalmouth still could not bring the winning goal the Spanish club needed to prevent Porto advancing after its 4-0 win over Club Brugge.

Two Spanish powers will now miss out on the round of 16.

Liverpool's passage into the knockout stage with a game to spare was relatively calm in a 3-0 win at Ajax as it joined leader Napoli in progressing in a free-scoring Group A, which has had 44 goals in 10 games.

In more stoppage-time drama with VAR, Tottenham thought it had won Group D when Harry Kane shot the ball into Lisbon's net with seconds left in a game tied at 1-1. A long check ruled Kane had been off-side, a furious Tottenham coach Antonio Conte was shown a red card.

The meeting between heavyweights in Barcelona was rendered meaningless before kick off, when Barca's hopes of advancing was ended by Inter Milan's 4-0 win over Viktoria Plzen.

The results:

Group A: Ajax 0 lost to Liverpool 3 (Salah 42, Nunez 49, Elliott 52); Napoli 3 (Simeone 11 & 16, Ostigard 80) bt Rangers 0.

Group B: Club Brugge 0 lost to Porto 4 (Taremi 33, 70, Evanilson 57, Eustaquio 60); Atletico Madrid 2 (Carrasco 22, De Paul 50) drew with Bayer Leverkusen 2 (Diaby 9, Hudson-Odoi 29).

Group C: Inter Milan 4 (Mkhitaryan 35, Dzeko 42 & 66, Lukaku 87) bt Viktoria Plzen 0; Barcelona 0 lost to Bayern Munich 3 (Mane 10, Choupo-Moting 31, Pavard 90+5).

Group D: Eintracht Frankfurt 2 (Kamada 3, Kolo Muani 27) bt Marseille 1 (Guendouzi 22); Tottenham 1 (Bentancur 80) drew with Sporting 1 (Edwards 22).

The teams which have qualified: Napoli, Club Brugge, Bayern Munich, Chelsea, Real Madrid, Manchester City, Paris Saint-Germain, Benfica, Borussia Dortmund, Inter Milan, Liverpool and Porto.

Odisha stuns BFC, climbs to the top

Sports Bureau

Odisha registered its second win in two games at home, pipping Bengaluru FC 1-0, to move to the top of the Indian Super League table with nine points. Nandhakumar Sekar scored a belter in the 33rd minute and it turned out to be the only goal of the game at Bhubaneshwar on Thursday. This was Sekar's second ISL goal and his second against BFC.

Josep Gombau made one change to the side that defeated Kerala Blasters. Raynier Fernandes replaced Isaac Chhakchhuak in the Odisha midfield while Simon Grayson changed the Blues' starting formation for the first time this season. Alan Costa and Javier Hernandez were replaced by Leon Augustine and Roy Krishna as BFC switched to a four-man defence.

Midway through the first half, Bruno Silva played a fine through ball to Krishna. However, the striker was denied by goalkeeper Amrinder Singh.

Saul Crespo's cross from the right was missed by BFC's Aleksandar Jovanovic before Diego Mauricio fired the ball wide.

It was Odisha which went ahead through Sekar's thunderbolt. And the score remained that way for the rest of the match.

The result: Odisha FC 1 (Sekar 33) bt Bengaluru FC 0.

Satwiksairaj & Chirag advance; Srikanth loses

Press Trust of India
PARIS

K. Srikanth crashed out of the French Open Super 750 badminton tournament, losing 21-19, 12-21, 19-21 to Rasmus Gemke of Denmark in the pre-quarterfinals here on Thursday.

In men's doubles, seventh-seeded Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty defeated the Malaysian duo of Man Wei Chong and Kai Wun Tee 21-16, 21-14 in a round-of-16 contest that lasted 40 minutes.

The two will now meet the top-seeded Japanese pair of Takuro Hohi and Yugo Kobayashi in the quarterfinals.

PROLIFIC VIRAT

Kohli crosses 1,000-run mark in a calendar year

Virat Kohli has crossed 1,000 runs in 2022 after two back-to-back years of not being able to touch the four-digit mark. Kohli accomplished this landmark during India's Group 2, Super 12 match against the Netherlands of the ongoing ICC T20 World Cup at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

NUMERO UNO

Suryakumar surpasses Rizwan, is top T20I run-scorer in 2022

India's Suryakumar Yadav became the leading T20I run-scorer in 2022 after his superb unbeaten 51 against the Netherlands on Thursday. Suryakumar now has 867 runs in 25 innings, including a century, at an average of 41.28. He overtook Pakistan's Mohammad Rizwan, who made 825 runs from 19 innings at 51.56.

FIREPOWER

We have Kohli if they have Nortje and Rabada, says Axar

India spinner Axar Patel had a spirited message for South Africa which will face India in Perth on Sunday. Axar said, "We will play our normal brand of cricket without worrying about bouncy pitches and the fact that they have bowlers like Anrich Nortje and Kagiso Rabada. We also have our Virat *bhai* (Kohli) in form," he said.

NEW TWIST

Wade tests positive for COVID, but likely to play against England

Wicketkeeper Matthew Wade on Thursday became the second Australian to test positive for COVID, a day ahead of the T20 World Cup match against England at the MCG on Friday. The 34-year-old, who is the only gloveman in the 15-member squad, is showing mild symptoms but is expected to feature in the match.

A walk in the park for the Men in Blue against Netherlands

Rohit, Kohli and Suryakumar hit half-centuries to set a formidable target; bowlers complement batters' efforts

T20 WORLD CUP

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
SYDNEY

Thursday dawned with glorious sunshine and as the Sydney Cricket Ground geared up for a double-header, a brief spell of rain raised the odd doubt. But the weather cleared and as the day wore on, cricket prevailed.

Minutes after the match between South Africa and Bangladesh concluded, a sea of blue seeped into the stands.

The Indian fans, still nursing the hangover of the triumph against Pakistan, had another win to savour as Rohit Sharma's men defeated the Netherlands by 56 runs in the ICC Twenty20 World Cup Super 12 Group 2 match.

On a roll: Suryakumar further cemented his status as one of the best T20 batters today with another fine fifty. GETTY IMAGES

Mountain to climb

After India posted 179 for two with skipper Rohit, Virat Kohli and Suryakumar Yadav being among the runs, the Netherlands had a mountain to climb and paused at 123 for nine.

Bhuvneshwar Kumar bowled a maiden over and even if Max O'Dowd tried to hustle, the seamer had Vikramjit Singh in a tangle and slipped one into the citadel. Left-arm spinner Axar Patel prised out O'Dowd and Bas de Leede while the batters attempted to hasten the scoring rate.

R. Ashwin then struck twice in an over and even if Tim Pringle hoisted the off-spinner for a six, he couldn't get past an agile Kohli while trying to loft Mohammed Shami. The rest failed as India seized the contest.

Earlier, Rohit won the toss, elected to bat and watched his opening partner K.L. Rahul exhilarate and exasperate in equal measure. Rahul drove a four off Fred Klaassen in the first over but when Paul van Meekeren ran in, the India vice-captain was trapped in front. Just as Rahul lapsed into silence, a roar emanated from the venue with Kohli walking in.

The noise levels escalated once Rohit warmed up with a six off van Meekeren while the Netherlands captain Scott Edwards used four different bowlers in the first four overs. While Rohit and Kohli buckled down into a partnership, the former enjoyed a reprieve as Pringle dropped him at mid-on off Klaassen.

Moving on

On 13 then, Rohit moved on with a mix of shots that either blitzed past the ropes or kept the fielders interested. Kohli kept egging Rohit on and the latter's flicked six off de Leede was all about wristy reflexes and sheer timing.

By the time Rohit (53) holed out in the deep, he had registered a fifty and also strung a 73-run second-wicket partnership with Kohli. At 86 for two in 12 overs, India had a platform to surge ahead and Kohli and Suryakumar ensured that through a breezy 95-run partnership.

Kohli essayed the inside-out drives and ran hard with Suryakumar. The latter eager to unveil his scoops behind the wicket, harried the Netherlands attack while Kohli hoisted Klaassen and in the last over, deposited Logan van Beek over square-leg.

By then Kohli (62 n.o.) had reached his fifty and, off the last ball of the innings, Suryakumar (51 n.o.) joined the club by flicking a six off van Beek and India had a score that the Netherlands could only gape at.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA
K.L. Rahul lbw b van Meekeren 9 *(12b, 1x4)*, Rohit Sharma c Ackermann b Klaassen 53 *(39b, 4x4, 3x6)*, Virat Kohli (not out) 62 *(44b, 3x4, 2x6)*, Suryakumar Yadav (not out) 51 *(25b, 7x4, 1x6)*; Extras (lb-1, w-3): 4; Total (for two wkts. in 20 overs): 179.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-11 (Rahul, 2.4 overs), 2-84 (Rohit, 11.6).

NETHERLANDS BOWLING
Klaassen 4-0-33-1, Pringle 4-0-30-0, van Meekeren 4-0-32-1, de Leede 3-0-33-0, van Beek 4-0-45-0, Shariz 1-0-5-0.

NETHERLANDS
Vikramjit Singh b Bhuvneshwar 1 *(9b)*, Max O'Dowd b Axar 16 *(10b, 3x4)*, Bas de Leede c Hardik b Axar 16 *(23b)*, Colin Ackermann c Axar b Ashwin 17 *(21b, 1x4)*, Tom Cooper c sub (Hooda) b Ashwin 9 *(12b)*, Scott Edwards c sub (Hooda) b Bhuvneshwar 5 *(8b)*, Tim Pringle c Kohli b Shami 20 *(15b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Logan van Beek c Karthik b Arshdeep 3 *(5b)*, Shariz Ahmad (not out) 16 *(11b, 2x4)*, Fred Klaassen lbw b Arshdeep 0 *(1b)*, Paul van Meekeren (not out) 14 *(6b, 3x4)*; Extras (lb-2, nb-1, w-3): 6; Total (for nine wkts. in 20 overs): 123.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-11 (Vikramjit, 2.2), 2-20 (O'Dowd, 4.2), 3-47 (de Leede, 9.2), 4-62 (Ackermann, 12.1), 5-63 (Cooper, 12.4), 6-87 (Pringle, 15.4), 7-89 (Edwards, 16.3), 8-101 (van Beek, 17.5), 9-101 (Klaassen, 17.6).

INDIA BOWLING
Bhuvneshwar 3-2-9-2, Arshdeep 4-0-37-2, Shami 4-0-27-1, Axar 4-0-18-2, Hardik 1-0-9-0, Ashwin 4-0-21-2.

Toss: India; **MoM:** Suryakumar.
India won by 56 runs.
India's next match: Oct. 30: vs. South Africa, Perth, 4.30 p.m. IST.

Zimbabwe stuns Pakistan by one run in Perth thriller

On a high: Raza was Pakistan's tormentor-in-chief, returning figures of three for 25. GETTY IMAGES

Agence France-Presse
PERTH

Zimbabwe pulled off a stunning one-run upset over Pakistan on Thursday to put the Asian giants in danger of an early exit from the Twenty20 World Cup.

Zimbabwe was restricted to 130 for eight after electing to bat but the bowlers halted Pakistan at 129 for eight for a memorable win in a Super 12 thriller here.

In trouble

It was Pakistan's second straight loss after an agonising, opening defeat to India which tops the group with two victories out of two.

Zimbabwe, which came through the first round in Australia to reach the Super 12, is third in Group 2 behind South Africa.

Pakistan's chase looked on course when Shan Masood, who made 44, put on a 52-run fourth-wicket partnership with Shadab Khan.

But Sikandar Raza broke the stand with Shadab's wicket and was to be Pakistan's tormentor-in-chief, returning figures of three for 25.

Raza, a finger spinner, then trapped Haider Ali lbw off the next ball for nought to be on a hat-trick that was averted by Mohammad Nawaz.

Raza soon took down Masood (44, 38b) and Nawaz attempted to get the remaining runs, 11 off the final over, but was run out off the penultimate ball of the 20th over.

Final delivery

Needing three off the final ball, new batter Shaheen Shah Afridi ran one but got run out when going for the second.

The scores: Zimbabwe 130/8 in 20 overs (Sean Williams 31; Mohammad Wasim 4/24, Shadab Khan 3/23) bt Pakistan 129/8 in 20 overs (Shan Masood 44; Brad Evans 2/25, Sikandar Raza 3/25). **MoM:** Raza.

How they stand

Group 1	M	W	L	NR	Points	NRR
New Zealand	2	1	0	1	3	4.450
Sri Lanka	2	1	1	0	2	0.450
England	2	1	1	0	2	0.239
Ireland	2	1	1	0	2	-1.169
Australia	2	1	1	0	2	-1.555
Afghanistan	2	0	1	1	1	-0.620

Group 2	M	W	L	NR	PTS	NRR
India	2	2	0	0	4	1.425
South Africa	2	1	0	1	3	5.200
Zimbabwe	2	1	0	1	3	0.050
Bangladesh	2	1	1	0	2	-2.375
Pakistan	2	0	2	0	0	-0.050
Netherlands	2	0	2	0	0	-1.625

Surya tougher to bowl to than Kohli, Rohit: van Meekeren

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
SYDNEY

Suryakumar Yadav walked in early for the post-match press-conference. And as he fidgeted with his cellphone in the corner, Paul van Meekeren was addressing the sports writers at the SCG here on Thursday.

One of the questions was about bowling to Suryakumar and the Netherlands speedster stressed that he found it most difficult to bowl to the India batter, even more than Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma.

Minutes later, it was Suryakumar's turn to speak and referring to van Meekeren's praise, the batter quipped: "I will take that as a compliment but wouldn't say more. Will continue batting the way I do."

Kohli and Suryakumar.

After having played a key role in India's triumph over the Netherlands, Suryakumar is clear about his role. "Batting at four, there are two situations – one in which the team has lost early wickets and scored less, or has scored a lot and lost some wickets.

"In the first instance we need to stabilise and I have to chase a tempo... in the second, I have to be in that tempo immediately... either way getting to that tempo of scoring is important."

What about the string of partnerships with Kohli? "We respect each other and have a camaraderie and plus he will give inputs like what delivery is the bowler likely to bowl and batting with him also means that you got to run hard. I look forward to more partnerships with him," Suryakumar said.

If helping India retain the winning touch is part of Suryakumar's philosophy, van Meekeren was more into the theme of improving cricket in the Netherlands. "We can only get better and it was special to play at this ground with a crowd and that too against India," the seamer said.

Australia and England all set for high-octane clash

Shayan Acharya
MELBOURNE

Rain threat looms large as the Melbourne Cricket Ground gears up for a high-octane clash between arch-rivals Australia and England on Friday.

Unrelenting showers a day ahead saw the MCG staff install grow lights – usually used in the winters when only 10% natural sunlight hits the ground – to keep the pitch dry.

Australia hasn't played at the MCG so far in the tournament, but Jos Buttler's men suffered a shock defeat against Ireland the other evening and got a taste of the conditions in a rain-affected outing.

Questions have been raised over Ben Stokes' form as he has reached double figures only once in his last five T20I innings. But Mott expects Stokes to strike form in the big game.

For Australia, things are a bit more complicated. Australia's net run rate (NRR), -1.555, is the lowest in the group at present.

There are also concerns over Finch's form, who struggled to break free against Sri Lanka.

Marcus Stoinis and Glenn Maxwell steadied the ship in the last outing against Sri Lanka, and Australia will look for guidance from the duo in the clash against its traditional rival.

This will be Australia's first game in Melbourne after Shane Warne's demise. Finch and his men will be keen to win what should be an emotionally charged encounter.

Today's matches

Afghanistan vs. Ireland
Melbourne, 9.30 a.m. IST
H2H in T20Is
Played 23
Afghanistan 16 | Ireland 7

Australia vs. England
Melbourne, 1.30 p.m. IST
H2H in T20Is
Played 23
Australia 10 | England 11
NR 2

Rossouw's ton gives South Africa big win

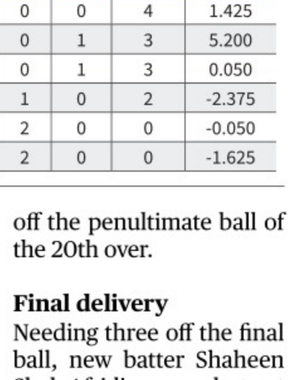
Agence France-Presse
SYDNEY

Rilee Rossouw blasted 109 and shared in a record-breaking stand with Quinton de Kock as South Africa crushed Bangladesh here on Thursday.

The pair powered the team to 205 for five. Bangladesh was dismissed for 101 in the 17th over with Anrich Nortje taking four for 10.

Rossouw and de Kock amassed 168 for the second wicket – the highest-ever T20 World Cup partnership – surpassing the 166 that Sri Lanka's Mahela Jayawardene and Kumar Sangakkara made against the West Indies in 2010.

de Kock fell for 63 but Rossouw charged on, bringing up the first century of the tournament and only the 10th scored at any T20 World Cup. He hit eight sixes and seven fours. It was the fifth-highest score at a T20 World Cup.



Rilee Rossouw. GETTY IMAGES

The scores: South Africa 205/5 in 20 overs (Quinton de Kock 63, Rilee Rossouw 109) bt Bangladesh 101 in 16.3 overs (Litton Das 34; Anrich Nortje 4/10, Tabraiz Shamsi 3/20). **MoM:** Rossouw.

INBRIEF

Struggling Schalke appoints Thomas Reis as head coach

Bundesliga's last-placed side Schalke has appointed former Bochum manager Thomas Reis as head coach, the club confirmed on Thursday.

"I am happy to work with a team again. The goal we have together is to stay in the league," said Reis.

Schalke has just six points from 11 league matches and has been without a manager since sacking previous mentor Frank Kramer after a 5-1 German Cup loss against Hoffenheim in mid-October.

PSV Eindhoven fined €40,000 for fan disorder

PSV Eindhoven was punished on Thursday for fan disorder inside Arsenal's stadium at a rescheduled Europa League game that was first postponed because of limited police resources in London after the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

UEFA banned PSV from selling tickets to its fans for the team's game in Norway next week against Bodo-Glimt. The Dutch club must also pay a fine of €40,000 and compensate Arsenal for damage to seats and the stadium last week.

Hernandez out of Mexico's WC team; Jimenez, Corona in

Javier Hernandez will not be going to the World Cup in Qatar after he was left out of Mexico's preliminary roster, with coach Gerardo Martino opting to include injured duo Raul Jimeez and Jesus Corona instead.

Martino had insisted he would wait as long as possible to announce his selection in order to give Jimenez and Corona time to recover, and both were part of a 31-man roster that will later be narrowd down to 26 for next month's event.

Bhagat, Kadam eye gold at Para Badminton Worlds

Top Indian players Pramod Bhagat and Sukant Kadam will eye gold medals at the BWF Para Badminton World Championships, to be held here from November 1 to 6.

Bhagat, a five-time world champion, is the defending champion in both singles and doubles, having won the twin titles in the 2019 edition.

"This is the biggest tournament of the year, and I will put in everything I have. Expectations are always high not only from people but also from myself. I set a very high bar for myself, and I try to keep to better it," Bhagat said.

World No. 3 Kadam, who has been training with Bhagat in Bengaluru, won a bronze in the last edition and he would like to upgrade it to gold this time. "The goal is to win gold medal at the World championships."

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 7.30 a.m.

Men's T20 World Cup: (Super-12s), Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m. & 1.30 p.m.

BWF: Denmark Open, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 3.30 p.m. onwards

ISL: Star Sports 3 & SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.

Pro Kabaddi League: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.

Bundesliga: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 12 a.m. (Saturday)

La Liga: : Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 12.30 a.m. (Saturday)

BCCI takes first step towards gender equality

Board raises match-fees of women international players on par with that of male counterparts; new president Binny calls it a marquee decision

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

In a move to bring about pay parity, the Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI) reconstituted apex council has decided to match the match-fees of international women cricketers with that of their male counterparts.

The BCCI said in a statement on Thursday, women's cricketers would be paid ₹15 lakh, ₹6 lakh and ₹3 lakh for Tests, ODIs and T20Is, respectively.

The revision is at least a three-fold hike, with the match-fees for Tests rising six times over the existing ₹2.5 lakh.

While the newly-elected president of the BCCI, Roger Binny, referred to the development as "a marquee decision on pay equity", the secretary Jay Shah described the move as "an important step towards tackling discrimination".

'Game-changer'

Treasurer Ashish Shelar felt the decision would be a "game-changer" for women's cricket.

It remains to be seen whether the BCCI will revise the annual retainer for the women cricketers as well.

At present, the retainer for top women cricketers is 7% of that paid to top men cricketers.

The domestic match-fees structure for women's cricketers is also in need of a relook.

The pay package

Match fee

Format	Women (Existing)	Revised	Men
Test	₹ 2.5 lakh	15 lakh	15 lakh
ODI	1 lakh	6 lakh	6 lakh
T20I	1 lakh	3 lakh	3 lakh

Annual retainer

	Women	Men
Grade A*	50 lakh	5 crore
Grade B	30 lakh	3 crore
Grade C	10 lakh	1 crore

What the FTP says

- According to the **Future Tours Programme (FTP)**, the **Indian men's team** is set to play **38 Tests, 42 ODIs and 61 T20Is** from May 2023 to April 2027. This excludes matches in ICC's multi-nation tournaments
- The **Indian women** will feature in **two Tests, 27 ODIs and 36 T20Is**, besides ICC tournaments, according to the first-ever women's FTP released for the period May 2022 to April 2025
- **An Indian men's cricketer**, who plays in all bilateral series in the four-year cycle, **will earn 10.05 crore** through match fee
- **An Indian women's player**, who takes part in every bilateral match till April 2025, **will take home three crore** in the three-year period

** Men's Grade A+ category annual retainer is 7 crore*

> This is a welcome step towards gender equality in the game and erasing discrimination from the sport
> **SACHIN TENDULKAR**

> When you empower players, you bring out the very best in them
> **GAUTAM GAMBHIR**

> This is a historic decision for women's cricket in India! The pay equity policy along with the WIPL next year... we are ushering in a new era for women's cricket in India
> **MITHALI RAJ**

> Great initiative from BCCI and Jay Shah for the upliftment of women's cricket. This will motivate young girls to take up cricket as a career
> **JHULAN GOSWAMI**

> Massive news this! Well done, BCCI and Jay Shah!
> **ANJUM CHOPRA**

> Truly a red-letter day for women's cricket in India with pay parity announced for women and men
> **HARMANPREET KAUR**

> What amazing news for women's cricket in India!
> **SMRITI MANDHANA**

2023 Tour de France route unveiled

Agence France Presse
PARIS

The 2023 route for the men's Tour de France, unveiled on Thursday, passes across all five of the nation's mountain ranges, favouring climbers such as 2019 champion Egan Bernal.

The 3,404km route embarks from Spain's Basque Country on July 1 for a route featuring eight mountain stages and four hilly stages with one medium length individual time trial early in the final week. The route however ignores almost all of western and northern France.

The Betway Mysore Derby weekend

MYSURU: The Betway Mysore Derby 2022 weekend will be held on Saturday (Oct. 29) and Sunday (Oct. 30) at the Mysore Race Club.

Briefing the media, Y.B. Ganesh, chairman and senior steward of the Mysore Race Club, recalled the association between Mysore Race Club and Betway Ltd. for the Betway Mysore Derby 2022 weekend, the Mysore winter races 2022-23 and the Mysore monsoon season 2023 up to Derby 2023 weekend.

The stake money paid out for the weekend will be in the region of almost ₹2 crore. The total stake money for the Betway Mysore Derby 2022 is ₹95 lakh and the winner gets a purse of ₹54,15,000.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Triumphant: Herrick and Mayank, the billiards and snooker champions. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Herrick, Mayank take the honours

Herrick Darin and Mayank Karthik won the sub-junior boys' billiards and snooker titles respectively in the State billiards and snooker tournament at KSBA here.

The results (finals):

Boys: Sub-juniors: Billiards: Herrick Darin bt T.R. Dharanesh 115-75; **Snooker:** Mayank Karthik bt Herrick Darin 61-8, 57-38.

Verstappen sets sights on a record victory

Agence France-Presse
MEXICO CITY

Verstappen. AFP

Max Verstappen will be seeking a party-pooping record this weekend when he aims to beat Red Bull teammate Sergio Perez in front of his passionate home fans at the Mexican Grand Prix.

The 25-year-old world champion, whose triumph in Texas last Sunday secured the constructors' world title for Red Bull, is bidding for an unprecedented 14th win of the season.

He currently shares the mark of 13 successes in a year with two Germans, seven-time world champion Michael Schumacher and Sebastian Vettel, but knows another victory, especially at Perez's expense, might wreck a famous fiesta.

The popular Mexican, who has won twice for Red Bull this season –on the streets of Monaco and Singapore –would relish a third, and his long-awaited first on home turf, but accepts it will not be easy.

Lagos claims main event

HYDERABAD: Trainer D. Netto's Lagos, ridden by Suraj Narredu, won the Telangana Race Horse Owners Association Trophy, the feature event of the penultimate day's races on Thursday (Oct. 27).

Jockey-turned trainer Donald Netto, who got his trainer's license in 1997, today achieved the milestone of saddling 1000 winners through Tiger Mountain and Lagos.

1. HALF A CROWN PLATE (1,200m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II): **BLACK ONYX** (D.S. Deora) 1, Ambitious Star (R.S. Jodha) 2, Dyanoosh (Akshay Kumar) 3 and Beauty On Parade (G. Naresh) 4. 3-1/4, 3/4 and Nk. 1m 12. 45s. ₹15 (w), 10, 25 and 13 (p). SHP: 62, THP: 45, SHW: 14 and 60, FP: 122, Q: 106, Tanala: 299. Favourite: Black Onyx.
Owner: Mr. Rajeev Sharma. Trainer: Magan Singh.

2. STAR HAVEN PLATE (1,600m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **TIGER MOUNTAIN** (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 1, Superstellar (Akshay Kumar) 2, Queen Blossom (Md. Ismail) 3 and Desert Sultan (B.R. Kumar) 4. Not run: Romero and Challenger. Nk, 5 and 2-1/4. 1m 40. 73s. ₹19 (w), 13 and 10 (p). SHP: 27, THP: 31, SHW: 11 and 10, FP: 29, Q: 12, Tanala: 44. Favourite: Superstellar.
Owners: Mr. Gurpal Singh & Mr. Shantanu Sharma. Trainer: D. Netto.

3. DR. HARISH CHANDRA MEMORIAL CUP (2,400m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II): **N R I SUPERPOWER** (Akshay Kumar) 1, N R I Sun (Santosh Raj) 2, Advance Guard (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 3 and 4. Wallop And Gallop (Kuldeep Singh) 4. 1-1/2, Shd and 2-1/4. 2m 35. 20s. ₹13 (w), 11, 16 and 18 (p). SHP: 33, THP: 42, SHW: 10 and 19, FP: 46, Q: 33, Tanala: 268. Favourite: N R I Sun.
Owner: Mr. Ravinder Reddy Male. Trainer: R.H. Sequeira.

4. SIDDIPET PLATE (1,400m), Maiden, 3-y-o and upward, rated20 to 45 (Cat. III): **ALABAMA** (Kiran Naidu) 1, La Mirage (Suraj Narredu) 2, Path Of Peace (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 3 and Role Model (R.S. Jodha) 4. 3, 2-1/4 and 3/4. 1m 26. 03s. ₹19 (w), 10, 12 and 16 (p). SHP: 32, THP: 44, SHW: 12 and 18, FP: 41, Q: 24, Tanala: 96. Favourite: Alabama.
Owner: Mr. S. Pathy. Trainer: Laxman Singh.

5. TELANGANA RACE HORSE OWNERS ASSOCIATION TROPHY (1,200m), rated 80 and above (Cat. I): **LAGOS** (Suraj Narredu) 1, Scramjet (Akshay Kumar) 2, Kingston (Afroz Khan) 3 and Top Secret (D.S. Deora) 4. 2, 1-1/2 and 2. 1m 11. 82s. ₹17 (w), 12 and 19 (p). SHP: 31, THP: 49, SHW: 10 and 21, FP: 40, Q: 26, Tanala: 303. Favourite: Lagos.
Owners: Mr. S. Pathy & Mr. B.E. Vasanth Kumar. Trainer: D. Netto.

6. LOOK OF EAGLES PLATE (1,200m), rated upto 25 (Cat. III): **GOLDEN INZIO** (Kuldeep Singh) 1, That's My Way (Afroz Khan) 2, Good Tidings (Md. Ismail) 3 and Paree (Ishwar Singh) 4. Not run: Silver Lining. 2-1/4, 3/4 and 1/2. 1m 15. 42s. ₹26 (w), 14, 16 and 37 (p). SHP: 37, THP: 80, SHW: 17 and 19 (p). FP: 61, Q: 36, Tanala: 365. Favourite: Golden Inzio.
Owners: Mr. C. Suresh, Mr. Manish Jaiswal & Mrs. Candida Tania Jaiswal. Trainer: S. Sreekant.
Jackpot: 70%: ₹385 (828 tkts.), 30%: 43 (3,128 tkts.).
Mini jackpot: 191 (385 tkts.).
Treble (i): 65 (573 tkts.), (ii): 97 (561 tkts.).

Seventh seed Karthikeyan heads a pack of 11 leaders in Asian Chess

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

For the second straight day, several leading names struggled to play to their reputation in both sections of the Asian Chess championship here.

As a result, seventh seed M. Karthikeyan headed a pack of 11 leaders with two points in the Open category, much like 10th seed Soumya Swaminathan did with four others in the women's section.

R. Praggnanandhaa and Tania Sachdev, the top seeds in their sections, posted wins following their first-round draws.

Pranesh stunned Aravindh. FILE PHOTO: VELANKANNI RAJ

M. Pranesh stunned Aravindh Chithambaram and Rakshitta Ravi shocked fourth seed Bhakti Kulkarni. Divya Deshmukh lost to Vietnam's Nguyen Thi Mai Hung.

Leading second round results:

Open: Sumiya Bilguun (Mgl, 1.5) drew with S. L. Narayanan (1.5); Arystanbek Urazayev (Kaz, 1.5) drew with S. P. Sethuraman (1.5); M. Pranesh (2) bt Aravindh Chithambaram (1); M. Karthikeyan (2) bt M.R. Venkatesh (1); L. R. Srihari (1) lost to B. Adhiban (2); M. Shyam Sundar (2) bt Saidakbar Saydaliev (Uzb, 1); Azat Nurmamedov (Tkm, 1) lost to Pranav Anand (2); Koustav Chatterjee (2) bt Krishna Teja (1); R. Praggnanandhaa (1.5) bt Ortik Nigmatov (0.5).

Women: Rakshitta Ravi (2) bt Bhakti Kulkarni (1); Divya Deshmukh (1) lost to Nguyen Thi Mai Hung (Vie, 1); Saina Salonika (1) lost to Soumya Swaminathan (1); N. Priyanka (1.5) drew with Srishti Pandey (1.5); Kiran Manisha Mohanty (2) bt Xeniya Balabayeva (Kaz, 1); Tania Sachdev (1.5) bt Srija Seshadri (0.5); Padmini Rout (1) drew with Sakshi Chitlange (0.5); Vantika Agarwal (1.5) bt V. Varshini (0.5); Aakanksha Hagawane (1) drew with Eesha Karavade (1).